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THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention meets on the third Tuesday in June, annually, The Assembly's Shorter Catechism is its doctrinal standard. It is constituted as follows :

Each County Conference may send three delegates—one minister and two laymen. Each Association may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every four ordained resident ministers. The permanent officers of Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish, Delegates to and from Foreign Bodies, Chairmen of Committees who have to report, the Officers of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and Vermont Education Society, Members of Boards appointed by Convention, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and to lead in discussions, are also members *ex-officiis*. The officers of Convention are chosen annually, excepting the Register and Corresponding Secretary, who are elected for five years. The last election was in 1870. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of Convention.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL CONVENTION

OF

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN VERMONT.

JUNE, 1857.

ARTICLE I. The principal objects of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Delegates, shall be to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony; to yield mutual assistance, and excite in each other the spirit of Christian fervor: to learn the state and recommend measures for the welfare of the churches: to obtain information respecting the Christian Church in this country and through the world: and to co-operate with other similar institutions in building up the cause of the Redeemer.

ART. II. The General Convention receives as articles of faith the doctrines of Christianity as they are generally expressed in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism: these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been generally embraced by the Congregational Churches of Vermont and New England.

ART III. Every Association in Vermont, which receives the doctrines above specified as Christian faith, is entitled to send two delegates to the Convention; and each Association having eight ordained resident ministers, may send three of that number as delegates; and for every four additional resident ministers, an additional delegate may be sent. And every Consociation, or Conference, in the State, — provided the same territory shall not be represented by both Consociation and Conference, — receiving the same articles of faith, is entitled to send two laymen and one minister as delegates to the Convention.

ART. IV. The Convention shall annually choose, by ballot, a Moderator, Scribe, and Assistant Scribe. They shall choose in the same manner, once in five years, a Register, to record the Minutes transmitted to him by the Scribe, and to act as Treasurer; and a Corresponding Secretary. The Register, the Corresponding Secretary, the minister at whose house the Convention meets, the minister duly appointed and attending to preach the opening sermon; delegates to foreign bodies, who may have attended to the duty assigned them the preceding year; chairmen of committees present to make report upon matters previously assigned to them; secretaries of benevolent societies whose anniversaries are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, shall be members of the Convention.

ART. V. The annual meeting of the Convention shall be holden on the third Tuesday of June, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ART. VI. The preceding articles shall not be altered unless by two-thirds of the members at an annual meeting.

BY-LAWS AND PERMANENT REGULATIONS

OF THE

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

I. The Convention shall commence its session Tuesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with a sermon ; and the organization shall follow immediately the religious exercises. Tuesday A. M., the Report on the State of Religion, by the Corresponding Secretary ; the evening shall be given to addresses, under direction of Convention. Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with a contribution ; 2 o'clock, P. M., Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ; Wednesday evening, anniversary of the Vermont Education Society. Thursday, A. M., reports from foreign bodies, unless circumstances require these to be presented earlier, — which reports are expected to be in writing ; Thursday, P. M., anniversary of the Sabbath School Society.

II. The Associations shall be entered on the Records and Roll in alphabetical order, and shall be so called in transacting business.

III. There shall be appointed, as early as practicable, at every annual meeting, Committees as follows : — of overtures ; to nominate delegates to foreign bodies ; on place and preacher for next meeting ; to distribute documents ; to direct the devotional exercises ; of abatements, who shall decide all questions respecting abatements on the assessments of the respective Associations, the chairman of which shall be auditor.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Scribe to furnish the Register with a fair copy of the Minutes of each meeting for record.

V. The printed Minutes of this Convention shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of delegates to foreign bodies.

VI. Should no place be appointed for the meeting of the Convention, or should the minister at whose house they are to meet be removed, the Register is authorized to appoint the place, and by circular letters to call the Convention together, according to his discretion.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Register to make a docket of the ordinary business of the Convention, and lay it before them at the opening of every annual meeting.

VIII. A standing committee of one in each Association shall be appointed every fifth year, to make to the Corresponding Secretary the annual statistical reports, and a report on the state of religion, for their respective Associations ; and in case of the absence of any one of said committee, the duty shall devolve on the Register of the Association for the time being. It is the duty of each of said committee to make a report for the year ending the first of May, agreeably to a blank schedule furnished him by the Corresponding Secretary. These reports, having been approved, when practicable, by the Association, shall be forwarded to the Corres-

ponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention.

IX. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the several members of the statistical committee with a copy of the schedule prepared for this purpose under the direction of the Convention ; to receive the reports from the committee, arrange the statistical part for publication, and from the facts reported to present to the Convention, during its session, a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year.

X. It shall be the duty of each pastor, stated-supply, or clerk — when there is no minister — to make report of his church to the standing committee of his Association, by the first of May of each year.

XI. Delegates from this Convention to foreign bodies are required to report, if they attend agreeably to appointment. If the delegation fail, it is expected a reason will be rendered to the Convention.

XII. A Committee of Credentials, consisting of one or more from each Association, shall be annually appointed to certify the regular standing of ministers going abroad or coming to Vermont to preach.

XIII. The Minutes of the Convention shall be annually published, as soon as possible after the close of the session. And the publishers are instructed to forward by mail, at the expense of the Convention, as soon as published, a copy to each member of the respective Associations in the State, and to the clerks of destitute churches ; also a copy to the corresponding secretaries of such benevolent societies as are commended by the Convention to the confidence of the churches, and to the moderator and scribe of all corresponding bodies ; and they are instructed to furnish each of the delegates to foreign bodies with packages for these bodies, at their order, — which packages the delegates are expected to forward with their communications, should they not go themselves.

XIV. To distribute the foreign delegates proportionally to numbers among the several Associations, each shall nominate one or more members of its own body, from year to year, to some foreign body or bodies, in rotation, according to the annexed schedule. This nomination shall be subject to the approval of the Convention. The Convention will choose delegates at large to bodies not named in the schedule, also to fill vacancies when Associations fail to nominate.

NOTE.—The General Convention have formed a connection with the fol owing ecclesiastical bodies: the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (New School); General Association of Connecticut; General Association of Massachusetts; General Association of New Hampshire; General Conference of Maine; Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island; Congregational Union of England and Wales; Congregational Association of New York; Congregational Union of Canada; General Association of Michigan; General Association of Iowa ; Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin; General Association of Illinois; Congregational Association of California; Congregational and Presbyterian Association of Oregon; General Conference of Ohio; and the General Association of Kansas. The Convention sends annually one or two delegates to each of these bodies, and receives the same from them. The delegates have the same right as members to sit, deliberate and vote, except that delegates to and from the General Assembly do not vote.

SCHEDULE FOR FIVE YEARS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
ADDISON	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.
BENNINGTON	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.
CALEDONIA	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.
LAMOILLE	Wisconsin. Oregon.	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.
LANCASTER	Rhode Island.	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.	California. F.B. Y'y M.
MONTPELIER	Pres. Gen. Assembly.	New York.	Canada.	California. F.B. Y'y M.	Maine. Vt. B. Con.
NORTHWESTERN	New York.	Canada.	California. F.B. Y'y M.	Maine. Vt. B. Con.	Ohio.
ORANGE	Canada.	California. F.B. Y'y M.	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.
ORLEANS	California. F.B. Y'y M.	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.	Indiana. Illinois.
ROYALTON	Vt. B. Con. Maine.	Ohio.	New Hampshire.	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.
RUTLAND	Ohio.	New Hampshire.	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.	Michigan.
WHITE RIVER	New Hampshire.	Indiana. Illinois.	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.
WINDHAM	Indiana. Illinois.	Missouri. Vt. M. E. C.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.
WINDSOR	Vt. M. E. C. Missouri.	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.
WINOOSKI	Michigan.	Massachusetts.	Iowa. Kansas.	Connecticut.	Wisconsin. Oregon.

NOTES.—1. The figures at the head of the columns indicate the year in which the appointments are to be made.

2. It is expected that delegates to Bodies whose meetings occur later than July in the year of their appointment, will attend that year; all others the year following.

3. To extend this Table indefinitely, notice that each year the State at the head of the list the previous year is placed at the foot of the list, and each State placed one line nearer the top.

This schedule shall be annually published, in connection with the Minutes of the Convention.

XV. Those who have charge of printing the Minutes are to insert, as far as they may have the requisite information, the time and place of meeting of foreign bodies with which we are in correspondence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

OF THE

GENERAL CONVENTION.

1. It is recommended to all ministers and people who propose to become connected in a pastoral relation, to take time and care sufficient to form such an acquaintance with each other, as to excite a reasonable expectation that the connexion, if formed, will be permanent; and never to form the connexion for a limited time.

2. It is recommended to the several Congregational churches in this State, that they employ no stranger to preach among them, who is not recommended by some person of our Communion authorized to give recommendations by the general body from within whose bounds he has come, or by some member of the Committee of Credentials appointed by this Convention.

3. It is recommended to the members of the several Associations in this State to extend occasional assistance to destitute towns in their vicinity, by preaching lectures, and by performing such other missionary labors as they may deem consistent with the duties they owe their respective parishes.

4. The churches in our connexion are requested, at the Monthly Concert in June, to implore the special blessing of God upon the Annual Meeting of the Convention, and of the respective societies with which it is immediately connected.

5. It is recommended to the churches in our communion to observe the Annual Concert of Prayer, on or near the 25th of December, for the universal prevalence of Peace, and contribute in aid of the cause; and also to observe the last Thursday of February annually as a day of Fasting and Prayer for the blessing of God upon our colleges and seminaries of learning.

6. It is recommended to the several Associations not to receive any member from another Association, unless he brings a letter of dismission and recommendation from the Association to which he had belonged.

7. As the Temperance reformation is of vital importance to the interests of true religion, it is recommended to all the friends of God and the human race to sustain and carry on this blessed work, and not to remit their efforts till the way of the coming of the Son of Man is every where fully prepared.

8. It is earnestly recommended to the ministers of our churches, that they endeavor to direct attention, in their several towns, to the subject of Common Schools.

9. It is recommended to Councils and other ecclesiastical bodies in connexion with this Convention, not to ordain persons without charge, or as evangelists, especially if they are to labor in distant parts of the country, unless it should be required by peculiar circumstances, and appear to be an obvious call of Providence.

10. The Convention earnestly recommend to the churches connected with it, the adoption of a system of benevolent operations, in which every member of every church shall be invited and expected to participate, by the contribution of a greater or less sum regularly to every benevolent object which is sanctioned by the Convention and approved by the churches. And it is recommended that, as far as practicable, contributions for the prominent objects of benevolence be made, in the several counties, at the times indicated in the annexed schedule.

COUNTIES.	January and February.	March and April.	May and June.	July and August.	September and October.	November and December.
Windham	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.
Windsor	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.
Orange	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.
Washington	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education	T. & C. Un.
Rockingham	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
Rutland	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.
Addison	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
Chittenden	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
Grand Isle	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Franklin	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Lamoille	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.	For. Miss.
Orleans	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss Asso.	Bible.
Caledonia	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss. Asso.	Bible.
Essex	For. Miss.	H. Miss.	Education.	T. & C. Un.	Miss Asso.	Bible.

RULES,

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE GENERAL CONVENTION, IN TRANSACTING BUSINESS.

1. The members of the Convention are required, as soon as they arrive at the place of the annual meeting, to deposit their certificate of membership in the hands of the Minister of the parish; and it shall be his duty, in conjunction with the Register, to prepare a ROLL of the Convention, on which shall be placed, in usual order, the names of all persons who present a regular certificate of their having been duly elected. But no person shall be enrolled who has not the regular certificate, unless by vote of the **Convention after being duly organized.**

2. The meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a sermon. At the close of the public exercises, the Register, or in his absence the Minister of the parish, shall call to order, read the *Roll*, and lead the Convention to the choice of a Moderator, Scribe **and Assistant Scribe.**

3. The Moderator shall then take the chair, address the throne of grace, and cause the rules to be observed in transacting business, and the docket of the Register to be read. It shall be his duty to lead in prayer, or request some other person to perform the duty, at the beginning or close of each day's session; to cause the roll to be called every morning; to preserve order and decorum in the meeting, and, in conjunction with the Register, to nominate all committees. When the Moderator speaks to the merits of any question, he shall leave the chair and address the Scribe.

4. No member shall withdraw from the daily sessions of the body, without leave first obtained of the Moderator, nor from town without leave from the Convention; and in case any member shall be tardy at a daily exercise, without a reasonable excuse, he shall be subject to the admonition of the Moderator.

5. Every member, when he wishes to speak, shall rise and address **the Moderator.**

6. No member shall speak more than twice to the merits of any question in debate, except by special permission of the Convention, nor more than once, until every other member choosing to speak shall have spoken, and then the mover of the matter pending **shall be permitted to speak in reply.**

7. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator or any two members desire it. No motion **shall be acted on until seconded.**

8. When any member, in debating or otherwise, shall transgress the rules of the Convention, the Moderator shall, by his own

authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

9. When two or more persons rise to speak at once, the Moderator shall name the one who is first to speak.

10. When the Moderator or any other person is speaking, the members shall keep their places and give attention.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings, if any member requires it.

12. In case of an equal division of votes, the Moderator shall have a casting vote.

13. These rules for the transaction of business shall be in force during the pleasure of the Convention; and shall not be subject to any alteration, unless by the consent of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Moderator, Wallingford.
Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER, Register, West Brattleboro.
Rev. JOSEPH TORREY, Corresponding Secretary, East Hardwick.
Rev. JOHN C. HOUGHTON, Scribe, Island Pond.
Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Secretary of Sabbath Schools, Northfield.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

JAMES W. HICKOK, Esq. President, Burlington.
Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH, Corresponding Secretary, Montpelier.
Rev. LEONARD TENNEY, Recording Secretary, Barre.
C. W. STORRS, Esq., Treasurer, Montpelier.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D., President, Middlebury.
Rev. A. B. DASCOMB, Secretary, Woodstock.
Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Treasurer, Brattleboro.

BOARDS.

Fairbanks Board of Education.—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., Rev. Henry Fairbanks, J. C. Emery, Esq., and Rev. Joseph Torrey.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Hon. John B. Page, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. Amasa Woolson.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt ; *Rutland and Bennington Conference*—Rev. P. S. Pratt ; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates ; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. L. S. Watts ; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. John G. Bailey ; *Lancaster Conference*—Rev. Joshua Eaton ; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen ; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. H. C. Riggs ; *Orange Conference*—Rev. John K. Williams ; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. A. W. Wild ; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. William Sewall ; *Windham Conference*—Rev. F. J. Fairbanks.

DELEGATES.

Delegates to the National Council of Congregational Churches—Primaries : Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D., Rev. C. E. Ferrin, Hon. Julius Converse. Substitutes : Rev. S. W. Magill, Rev. A. Stevens, Hon. C. W. Willard.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place of next Annual Meeting—Brattleboro, June 17, 1872.

Preacher—Rev. L. H. Cobb ; Substitute, Rev. G. B. Safford.

Essay—Subject : "What is the proper ratio of Ethical to Doctrinal preaching ?" Writer, Rev. C. W. Thompson ; Substitute, Rev. N. G. Webber.

Oral Discussion—Question : "Influence of Christian mothers, through their children, upon the cause of Christ." Speakers : Primaries, Rev. A. W. Wild, Rev. M. L. Severance ; Substitutes, Rev. B. F. Perkins, Rev. W. N. Bacon.

Committee to report on "The best method by which the churches may promote Classical Education"—Rev. Messrs. J. E. Goodrich, L. A. Austin and H. T. Fuller.

MINUTES.

The General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont met with the Congregational Church of Springfield, June 20, 1871.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D., from Zech. 13 : 7, 8, 9.

The following delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled as members of the Convention, viz :

Addison Association—Rev. Messrs. M. L. Severance, William N. Bacon.

Bennington Association—Rev. Isaac Jennings.

Caledonia Association—Rev. Messrs. Perrin B. Fisk, S. G. Norcross, C. W. Thompson, L. O. Brastow, L. S. Watts.

Lamoille Association—Rev. B. F. Perkins.

Lancaster Association————— ————.

Montpelier Association—Rev. Messrs. C. M. Winch, James H. Babbitt.

North Western Association—Rev. A. B. Swift.

Orange Association—Rev. R. Dexter Miller.

Orleans Association—Rev. Messrs. A. W. Wild, John C. Houghton, Azro A. Smith.

Royalton Association—Rev. Messrs. E. E. Herrick, S. W. Dike, W. A. Bushee.

Rutland Association—Rev. Messrs. Calvin Granger, R. T. Hall, Sidney Crawford, James G. Johnson.

Windham Association—Rev. Messrs. L. G. Chase, Franklin W. Olmsted, N. Mighill, J. G. Wilson.

Windsor Association—Rev. Messrs. J. B. Baldwin, J. G. Hale, Philander Bates.

Winooski Association—Rev. Messrs. S. L. Bates, C. E. Ferrin, A. Hazen.

White River Association—Rev. Bezaleel Smith.

Addison Conference—Rev. S. W. Magill, Bro. Samuel Bascom.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. S. M. DUDLEY, Bros. M. O. HARRINGTON, JOHN BACON.

Chittenden Conference—Rev. JOHN H. WOODWARD, Dea. JOSEPH MARSH.

Essex and Coos Conference———— ————.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. D. B. BRADFORD. Dea. L. L. DUTCHER, Bro. F. R. PERKINS.

Lamoille Conference—Dea. R. A. SAVAGE.

Orange Conference—Rev. WILLIAM S. PALMER.

Orleans Conference—Rev. A. C. CHILDS, Dea. CHARLES CUMMINGS, Dea. WILLIAM SPENCER.

Rutland and Bennington Conference—Rev. JOHN P. DEMERITT, Dea. GIDEON TABOR, Dea. J. K. VAIL.

Washington Conference—Rev. EDWIN SEABURY, Bros. DANIEL CHANDLER, S. H. Q. BOSWORTH.

Windsor Conference—Rev. T. S. HUBBARD, Bros. JULIUS CONVERSE, PHILBRICK CRAM.

Windham Conference—Rev. F. J. FAIRBANKS, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Minister of the Parish—Rev. L. H. COBB.

Preacher—Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D.

Register—Rev. JOSEPH CHANDLER.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. JOSEPH TORREY.

Appointed to lead in Discussion—Rev. Messrs. J. K. WILLIAMS, C. HAMLIN.

Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Fairbanks Board for relief of Ministers—Rev. H. F. LEAVITT, Bro. J. G. STIMSON, Dea. AMASA WOOLSON.

Fairbanks Education Board—Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS.

Vermont Education Society—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB, Secretary: Rev. A. STEVENS, President *pro tem.*

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

Presbyterian General Assembly—Rev. GEORGE F. WRIGHT.

New Hampshire General Association—Rev. LEWIS GROUT.

California General Association—Rev. D. B. BRADFORD.

DELEGATES FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. C. C. PARKER, D. D.

New Hampshire General Association—Rev. L. BRIGHAM.

Vermont Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. S. S. NICKERSON.

The Convention was organized by the choice of

REV. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., of Wallingford, *Moderator.*

REV. JOHN C. HOUGHTON, of Island Pond, *Scribe.*

REV. P. B. FISK, of Lyndonville, *Assistant Scribe.*

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Register read the Rules of the Convention.

It was voted that the hours of meeting be 8.30 A. M., 2.30 and 7.30 P. M., and the hours of adjournment 12 M. and 5 P. M.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer was offered by Rev. B. Smith, of West Hartford.

Bro. C. E. Richardson was appointed Auditor of the Fairbanks Boards.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, and they were duly elected :

Committee of Overtures—Rev. Messrs. C. E. Ferrin, J. G. Hale, Dea. L. L. Dutcher.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies—Rev. Messrs. M. L. Severance, A. C. Childs, Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. Messrs. Isaac Jennings, A. B. Dascomb, N. Mighill, F. W. Olmsted, Bro. Julius Converse.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—Rev. Messrs. L. H. Cobb, L. O. Brastow, J. H. Babbitt.

Committee on Abatements—Bro. J. G. Stimson, Rev. Messrs. N. Mighill, J. H. Woodward.

Committee on Assessments—Rev. Messrs. T. S. Hubbard, H. Fairbanks, Bro. John Bacon.

The Convention then listened to reports of Delegates to Foreign Bodies :

To New Hampshire General Association—Rev. Lewis Grout.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church—Rev. G. F. Wright.

To the General Association of California—Rev. D. B. Bradford.

To the Vermont Baptist Conference—Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D.

The subject of the proposed National Council was then called up, and the committee to whom the matter was referred at the last Convention reported. The report was accepted, and after some discussion the subject was laid upon the table, to afford time to listen to the delegates from Foreign Bodies.

From the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. S. S. Nickerson—

From the General Conference of Maine—Rev. C. C. Parker, D.D.—

From the General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. L. Brigham—

From the Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. H. W. Worthen—presented the salutations of their respective bodies, to which the Moderator made an appropriate reply.

After singing "Soldiers of Christ, arise!" the Report of the Churches was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Torrey, of East Hardwick, and the report was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The subject of the National Congregational Council was again called up and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. W. S. Palmer, C. E. Ferrin, and Bro. Samuel Bascom.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator called the Convention to order, and after singing, and prayer by Rev. M. H. Wells, there was a discussion of the question, "Is not some change of the two-sermon system of Sabbath services desirable?" It was opened by Rev. John K. Williams and Rev. C. Hamlin, and participated in by several others.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Moderator called the Convention to order.

Prayer by Rev. A. Stevens.

The Scribe called the roll, and the Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. A. Stevens was appointed to lead in discussion, in place of Rev. G. B. Safford, absent.

Rev. Henry Fairbanks, in behalf of the Fairbanks Education Board, made report, which was accepted.

REPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD.

The Fairbanks Education Board respectfully present their report for the year ending May 31, 1871.

During the year ten students have been aided. Of these, seven, after entering college, and coming within reach of other assistance, were dropped from our list at the middle of the year, to make

room for new applicants, expected from the academies. The appropriations for the year appear in the following

SCHEDULE:

Names.	Age.	Where Studying.	Amount.
E. A. Baldwin..	25	Montpelier Acad. and Amh. College	$60 00
T. B. Rice.....	22	Barre Acad. and Dartmouth College	60 00
C. A. Smith.. ..	21	Barre Acad. and Vt. University ...	25 00
C. F. Graves....	22	Underhill Acad. and Vt. University.	60 00
J. R. Chalmers..	..	K.U. Acad. Merid., N.H. & Dart. Coll.	60 00
J. B. Richardson	20	Barre Acad. and Dartmouth College	60 00
J. H. Hawley....	22	K.U. Acad. Merid., N.H. & Am. Coll.	30 00
Josiah Kidder...	21	Montpelier Grammar School.....	75 00
D. E. Curtis.....	22	K. U. Academy, Meriden, N. H....	120 00
W. E. Bates....	23	P. E. Academy, Exeter, N. H.....	55 00
			$605 00

Of the Treasurer's account the following is a summary for the year:

RECEIPTS.

From the former Treasurer, Rev. W. W. Thayer, being the balance in treasury as reported last year.....	$133 65
Interest on investments	602 16
	$735 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of beneficiaries, as per schedule....	$605 00	
Paid postage and printing.....	7 10	
Balance carried to new account.....	123 71	
		$735 81

There has been for several years no change in the investments of the permanent fund committed to us, which are as follows:

Loan to the corporation of the University of Vermont, and secured by mortgage.....	$5,700 00
Vermont State Bonds..... ..	4,000 00
United States 5-20 gold Bonds	300 00
	$10,000 00

EDWARD T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*

HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

Audited by B. P. RICHARDSON, Esq.

Rev. H. F. Leavitt, in behalf of the Fairbanks Board for the relief of needy and destitute clergymen, and Bro. J. G. Stimson, the Treasurer, reported, and their reports were accepted.

The Fairbanks Board for the relief of disabled and needy clergymen respectfully submit the following annual report to the Gen-

eral Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont:

The record of the past year tells the same sad story of the departure of loved ones, and admonishes us that the time is short, and what we do must be done quickly. The Rev. CHARLES WALKER, D. D., so long well known, and intimately associated with us in this Board, and in every good word and work, has finished his course, and kept the faith, and gone to the inheritance of the just. But he will long be remembered with gratitude and affection, as calm and dignified in his person, a noble preacher and an earnest and successful worker in the vineyard of his Lord and Master, Jesus.

The report of our Treasurer shows our receipts, including the balance on hand the last year, to have been.....$968 61
And our appropriations.....427 50

Leaving a balance in his hands of.....$541 11

His report also shows how the fund is kept and how secured, the names of the persons aided, and the amount each has received.

The Widows and Orphans' Fund has not been increased as much as your committee fondly hoped it might be; and chiefly, we believe, through the omission of the pastors to bring the subject distinctly before their churches, in accordance with the recommendation of the Convention; and this omission your committee think may have been owing to two reasons—1, forgetfulness of the object, and 2, to the great variety of benevolent objects that claim sympathy and aid from our churches.

To obviate in part this difficulty in future, your committee would recommend to the several Conferences to consider the subject approvingly, and secondly, to the Secretary of the Convention, in his correspondence with the several reporters, to request them, in sending out their blanks for statistics to pastors and churches, to urge them to take up a collection for the object the last Sabbath in April or the first Sabbath in May. The experiment has already been made in one Conference, at least, and with happy results.

Nor need we be afraid that these streams will more than supply the wants of Christ's suffering poor. No, no. The Church has never yet seen a flood-tide of Christian benevolence, and should such a time ever come, a word would check this flow or divert it from one channel to another, till the whole vineyard of the Lord should be abundantly irrigated and beautified, and a halo of glory rest upon the Church universal, and Christ's suffering poor no longer be neglected or uncared for.

H. F. LEAVITT, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF FAIRBANKS FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF NEEDY AND DESTITUTE CLERGYMEN.

Fairbanks Fund in account with J. G. Stimson, Treasurer.

1870.		CREDIT.	
June 23.	By balance in Treasury, as per Auditor's Report		$284 04
26.	" interest on S. R. Huse's note		72 00
July 23.	" " " E. W. Case's note		36 00
Sept. 23.	" " " S. Ridley's note		90 00
Oct. 30.	" " " A. L. Wood's note		42 00
Nov. 1.	" " " exchange of note		63 52

1871.			
April 1.	By interest on L. D. Parker's note		$30 00
3.	" " " A. L. Stone's note		30 08
13.	" " " J. Somerville's note		180 39
21.	" " " R. J. Barber's note		90 00
June 19.	" " " small sums, and extra interest		50 58
			$968 61

DEBIT.

1870.			
June 25.	To appropriation to Rev. S. Morgan		$100 00
	" " " " A. Stewart		50 00
	" " " " S. Marsh		50 00
	" " " " J. Gleed		50 00
July 11.	" " " " N. Bishop		50 00
Oct. 18.	" " " " L. S. French		50 00
Nov. 29.	" " " " A. Stewart		25 00
1871.			
Feb. 21.	" " " " S. Williams		25 00
June 1.	" " " " S. Williams		25 00
June 19.	" expenses		2 50
	" cash in Treasury		541 11
			$968 61

The fund is secured by real estate, as follows:

S. R. Huse's note, June 26th	$1,200 00
H. D. Tucker's note, August 10th	300 00
Samuel Ridley's note, September 27th	1,000 00
Albert Stone's note, March 16th	500 00
P. Boardman's note, March 29th	2,000 00
L. D. Parker's note, April 1st	500 00
J. Somerville's note, April 1st	3,000 00
R. J. Barber's note, April 21st	1,500 00
	$10,000 00

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

Moneys received for widows and orphans, as follows:

Deposited in Dartmouth Savings Bank, as reported last year		$322 52
Church and society in Orwell	$15 00	
Third church in Burlington	21 33	
Church and society in Norwich	20 00	
" " Middlebury	32 57	
" " Vergennes	15 80	
" " St. Johnsbury, north	46 00	
" " St. Johnsbury, south	37 18	
		187 88
		$510 40

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above accounts of J. G. STIMSON, Treasurer of the "Fairbanks Fund," and of the Fund for "Widows and Orphans," and find them correct, with proper vouchers therefor.

C. E. RICHARDSON, *Auditor.*

Springfield, Vt., June 20, 1871.

Rev. Messrs. C. Granger, M. L. Severance, and Dea. E. Tabor were chosen a committee to nominate the Fairbanks Boards for the ensuing year.

Hon. Julius Converse, chairman of committee appointed last year to consider whether this Convention is competent to hold property, reported, and the report was accepted. The subject was referred back to the same committee, with instructions to procure a charter at the earliest opportunity.

The report is as follows :

To the General Convention of Vermont, now in session in Springfield:

At the last session of the General Convention, held at Montpelier, there was adopted the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire whether our organization as a Convention has such a legal character as to make it safe for persons to give to it directly, by will or otherwise, money or land, or property of any kind, for specific benevolent purposes."

The undersigned were appointed such committee, and now beg leave to report :

1. The first question presented by the resolution is, What is the *legal* character of the annual General Convention ? Is it a corporation ? Can it sue and be sued ? It was never incorporated by the Legislature, as we understand ; it was never organized under any general law,—consequently, has never become a corporation—cannot sue or be sued.

2. The next query is, "*Is it safe for persons to give to it directly, by will or otherwise, money or land, or property of any kind, for specific benevolent purposes ?*" By the word "*safe*," we conclude is to inquire, Will gifts, bequests and devises be faithfully managed and executed according to the wishes of the donors ?

In answer to this inquiry we would say, that if parties are all honest and faithful, and no resort to courts of justice is necessary, the benefactions will continue to be faithfully administered and applied, as they have hitherto been. We understand there have been for many years past funds under the control of the Congregational denomination in Vermont, and there has been thus far no difficulty—everything has been satisfactory. It may always continue so. But suppose difficulty should arise, and a resort to legal proceedings should become necessary, and the aid of the courts should be invoked, who can bring the suit ? In whose name could proceedings be instituted ? We know of no way that a delinquent trustee could be reached, but through a court of chancery. We think chancery would compel a person who has got possession of funds and refuses to account, to disgorge—to do justice ; but it would only be for that individual case. So we think chancery would interfere and prevent funds from being diverted to any other use than the one prescribed by the donor. In other words, chancery would administer funds according to the will of the testator or donor—not by putting the matter into the hands of the "*Convention*," but doing it through their own officers, if necessary. We suppose the case of *Burr's Ex'rs vs. Smith and others*, 7 Vt. Rep. 241, settles the law of chancery on this point for Vermont. We do not think the provision of the Constitution of this State

alluded to by the court in that case, confers corporate powers on the "*Convention*," without some legislative action for that purpose.

Can we, then, associate under the provisions of the General Stat., p. 580, chap. 9, and thus become a corporation, with all essential and necessary powers? We think it doubtful whether we can, unless we form several associations, and then, perhaps, cases might arise where we should find our corporate powers inadequate to the exigency.

Upon the whole, we are inclined to recommend that things remain as they are till the next session of the Legislature, and then apply for a special act of incorporation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JULIUS CONVERSE,
H. F. LEAVITT, } *Committee.*
ALDACE WALKER,

Springfield, June 20, 1871.

Adjourned to give place to the meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society—after the meeting of which, the Committee on the National Council reported as follows:

Resolved, That, while we would carefully preserve the independence and self-government of the churches, we have great need to encourage and increase the practical fellowship and intercommunication among the churches and membership of our communion.

Resolved, That we therefore approve the holding of National Councils, trusting that their animating spirit will come from the churches and the members of our communion, rather than from centralized authority.

Resolved, That this Convention appoint three delegates to attend the proposed "National Council of Congregational Churches."

Pending action upon which the Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Messrs. J. G. Johnson and C. M. Southgate.

After recess, the Convention was called to order, and the consideration of the resolutions on the Congregational Council was resumed, and the resolutions were adopted.

The committee to make arrangements for the next meeting were directed to nominate delegates to the National Council.

The Committee of Overtures reported a resolution on certificates for delegates to foreign bodies, which was adopted, as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the Register be instructed to prepare a blank certificate for delegates to foreign bodies, and obtain five hundred printed copies, to be filled out from time to time as may be required, and furnished to each of the delegates in season for the fulfillment of their duty.

The committee to nominate delegates to foreign bodies, presentented their report, which was adopted, as follows:

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

TO	PRIMARIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Vt. M. E. Conference.....	Rev. J. G. Hale....	Rev. S. P. Cook.
Gen. Asso. Michigan.....	" A. Hazen....	" S. L. Bates.
Gen. Asso. Massachusetts.	" M. L Severance	" E. P. Hooker.
Gen. Asso. Iowa & Kan..	" C. Redfield...	" C. H. Hubbard
Gen. Conf. Connecticut...	" E. T. Fairb'ks	" C. W. Thomp'n
Gen. Conf. Wis. & Oreg'n.	" H. Herrick...	" V. M. Hardy.
Gen. Conf. Rhode Island..	" J. Eaton.....	" L. W. Harris.
Gen. Assembly Presb. Ch.	" W. H. Lord..	" L. Tenney.
Gen. Asso. New York....	" H. C. Riggs..	" A. B. Swift.
Cong'l Union, Canada....	" C. M. Winch.	" J. K. Williams.
Gen. Asso. Cal.	" T. E. Ranney.	" J. C. Houghton.
F. W. B. Y. M.....	" F. W. Dickinson	" A. A. Smith.
Gen. Conf. Maine.....	" S. W. Dike...	" O. S. Morris.
Vt. Bapt. Conf.....	" W. A. Bushee	" E. E. Herrick.
Gen. Conv. Ohio.....	" R. T. Hall...	" H. M. Holmes
Gen. Asso. New Hamp...	" Wm. Sewall..	" G. H. White.
Gen. Asso. Ind. and Ill...	" N. Mighill...	" A. F. Clark.
Gen. Asso. Missouri.....	" J. B. Baldwin	" T. Baldwin.

The committee appointed to nominate the Fairbanks Boards reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. Messrs. E. T. Fairbanks, Aldace Walker, D. D., Henry Fairbanks, J. C. Emery, Esq., Rev. J. Torrey.

Fairbanks Board for the relief of destitute Clergymen—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Hon. J. B. Page, Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. A. Woolson.

The Committee on Overtures reported a resolution on defraying the expenses of delegates to the National Council, which was ordered to lie.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The morning prayer meeting was led by Rev. P. B. Fisk, of Lyndonville.

The Convention was called to order.

The Scribe called the roll.

Prayer by Rev. S. W. Magill.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting reported, and the report was adopted, as follows:

Place of Meeting—Brattleboro.

Preacher—Rev. L. H. Cobb. Substitute—Rev. G. B. Safford.

Essay—"What is the proper ratio of ethical to doctrinal preaching?" Rev. C. W. Thompson. Substitute, Rev. G. N. Webber.

Oral Discussion—"Influence of Christian mothers, through their children, upon the cause of Christ." Speakers: Rev. Messrs. A. W. Wild, M. L. Severance. Substitutes: Rev. Messrs. B. F. Perkins, W. N. Bacon.

Delegates to National Council—Primaries: Rev. Messrs. H. D. Kitchel, D. D., C. E. Ferrin, Hon. Julius Converse. Substitutes: Rev. Messrs. S. W. Magill, A. Stevens, Hon. C. W. Willard.

The Treasurer made report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Vermont General Convention in account with J. CHANDLER, *Treas.*

CREDIT.

1870.			
June 23.	Cash received of A. Walker		$168 88
	Received from Orange Conference		3 00
July 6.	" "	Rutland Savings Bank	123 80
Sept. 23.	" "	Windham Conference	26 21
1871.			
May 17.	" "	Rut. and Benn. Conference	42 35
June 20.	" "	Orleans Conference	17 11
	" "	Washington Conference	17 26
	" "	Caledonia Conference	22 01
	" "	Essex and Coos Conference	3 45
	" "	Lamoille Conference	6 31
	" "	Chittenden Conference	19 14
	" "	Orange Conference	20 29
	" "	Addison Conference	24 54
	" "	Frank. and Gr. Isle Conference	15 24
			$542 68

DEBIT.

1870.			
June 23.	Telegrams to Massachusetts and Maine	$2 50	
	Printing S. Sch. Circulars and postage.	7 05	
	Blank book for Treasurer's accounts	40	
	Postage of Treasurer	72	
July 6.	Draft and Express charge	85	
10.	Paid Mrs. P. H. White	30 00	
Sept. 28.	Printing and distributing the Minutes	262 05	
1871.			
May 19.	Postage of E. H. Byington	2 36	
June 14.	Binding volume of Minutes	1 00	
	Express on package of return tickets	35	
20.	Postage of J. Torrey	2 75	
	Printing blanks for Secretary	12 25	
	Printing programmes for meeting	4 50	
	Cash on hand to balance	215 90	
			$542 68

Voted to assess the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars upon the Conferences for the current year.

Rev. C. S. Smith and the Scribe and Assistant Scribe were appointed a committee to print three thousand copies of the Minutes, and they were instructed to print the Constitution and Rules with the Minutes.

The Committee of Overtures reported a resolution, which was adopted, as follows :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to report at the next annual meeting concerning the best methods by which the churches may promote Classical Education.

Rev. Messrs. J. E. Goodrich, L. A. Austin and H. T. Fuller were appointed as said committee.

The Committee of Overtures reported resolutions as follows :

Resolved, That the cause of Temperance has its foundation in the teachings of the Word of God, and should therefore be sustained and cared for by the ministry and the churches of our Lord.

Resolved, That the probable fact that there are over four thousand drunkards in our State, and that there is a large number of young men in training to become drunkards, ought to arouse to intense feeling and greater activity the friends of Temperance.

The resolutions were laid on the table to give place for the subject assigned for this morning, which was then taken up : "The best means of increasing the permanence and power of the pastorate."

Rev. A. Stevens led in the discussion, and others followed.

The Convention joined in singing,

"Pour out thy Spirit from on high."

The Committee on Assessments reported as follows :

Addison Conference	$24 54
Caledonia Conference	22 01
Chittenden Conference	19 14
Essex and Coos Conference	3 45
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	15 24
Lamoille Conference	6 31
Orange Conference	23 29
Orleans Conference	17 11
Rutland and Bennington Conference	42 35
Washington Conference	17 26
Windham Conference	26 21
Windsor Conference	33 09

The resolutions on the subject of Temperance were called up and passed.

The following resolutions were presented by the Committee of Overtures, and unanimously adopted :

—That the Convention return their sincere thanks to the people of Springfield for their large hospitality, and still more for

the hearty manner of it; and to the choir for their very acceptable aid in our devotional services.

—That the thanks of the Convention be given to the several railroad companies who have offered to carry members of the Convention at reduced fare.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Voted to adjourn after the Sabbath School exercises of the afternoon.

The Convention united in prayer with the Register—after which the Moderator declared the Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Singing by the children, "Whosoever will."

Prayer by Bro. Jason Steele.

Report of the Secretary, Rev. A. Hazen.

Singing—"Salvation."

Addresses by the Moderator, Rev. Messrs. Henry Fairbanks, C. Hamlin and S. P. Cook, interspersed with and followed by singing.

Prayer by the Pastor of the Church.

Closed with benediction.

ALDACE WALKER, *Moderator.*

JOHN C. HOUGHTON, *Scribe.*

PLINY B. FISK, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT

ON THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Of the two essential ideas in our Congregational polity, the independence of the particular church, and the unity and fellowship of the churches, while the former is perhaps the most generally appreciated and maintained, the latter seems to be the most difficult of practical realization, and the most in danger of being neglected. We surely need as churches to *be one*, and to feel that we are one. The idea of Christ's church, the animating spirit of it, which is love, as well as the needs of each church, which will at times feel that it is not good to be alone, — alone in its work, its success, its glory ; alone in its weakness, its sorrow, its prospect of death, — these all bid us cling fast to fellowship and to cherish unity.

This need seems to be unusually felt just at this time, and men are asking how it may be satisfied. The problem is how to possess and enjoy all that is good of this unity without embracing any of its attendant evils. Three things are needed, an inquiring and attentive interest of the churches in each other, the communication of facts relating to their experience, and the heart and wisdom to sympathize and help. The first and the last of these we should all possess as Christians. The connecting link is the knowledge of each other's condition,— acquaintance.

So far as the sympathy and fellowship of the churches of this State are concerned, then, the exercise in which we are about to engage, (I magnify mine office,) is one of vital importance. Let us remember that we have come together, not merely as individuals to enjoy ourselves and exchange greetings, but especially as delegates from the churches, to renew and cultivate our *acquaintance* with the other churches of the State, of many of which we should know almost nothing, were it not for this occasion.

In your behalf, Reverend and Beloved, I have asked the churches once more how they do, and what their experience has been for the year past, and through the indefatigable zeal of the reporters, without exception, to whom I would here return my sincere thanks,

I have received replies from 190 of them, that is, from all but eight. Eden, Pownal, Tinmouth, Warren, Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland and South Royalton, gave no answer to our greeting. Of those who make us no answer, there are two of whom their friends say that they are *extinct.*, viz. : the churches in North Hero and in Washington. One or two others are ministered to by Methodists, and of several we are told, that they are in a very feeble state and without a stated ministry. They will be spoken of in their places.

But while it is sad to speak of the feeble and the departed, we are cheered by hearing some new voices, one like the voice of a friend long dead and buried but risen from the grave, our sister church at Whiting—one that has been for some time in a dormant state, 2d St. Albans, and one voice which we are sure is entirely new, that of our energetic and promising sister at Lyndonville—whom I shall have the pleasure of introducing to you to-day.

In looking over the reports, I find that 154 are supplied with ministers, and forty-one are not. Pastors have been dismissed from the churches in Hartford, Peacham, Westminster East, St. Johnsbury second, Charlotte, Lowell, Barton and Newport,—eight in all. Pastors have been installed at Dummerston, Lowell, St. Johnsbury 2d, Middlebury, Pittsford, Fairhaven and Benson, —seven in all. Revivals of greater or less power have been enjoyed by sixteen of our churches, viz : Dover West, West Brattleboro, Fayetteville, Barre, Northfield, Sharon, West Charleston, Coventry, Craftsbury, Derby, New Haven, Bridport, Danville, Hinesburgh, Salisbury, and the 1st church in Burlington. Houses of worship have been repaired by fifteen of our churches : West Rutland, Pawlet, Middletown, Rupert, Wardsboro, Ludlow, Derby, Wolcott, Salisbury, Lyndon, Hardwick, Peacham, Island Pond, St. Johnsbury Center and Fairhaven. Chapels have been built by the church in Benson and the 1st church in Burlington. A new and beautiful house of worship has been built by the church in Manchester. Parsonages have been built in Danby, Chester and Dover West, and repaired in Coventry and Westford. Of the ministers, seventy are pastors and eighty-four are acting pastors, fifty are without charge, and there are five licentiates. Seven of the Vermont ministers have died during the year, only two of whom were at the time actively engaged in the ministry among us. They will be noticed elsewhere.

The churches of Addison Conference have not been distinguished by the special power of the Holy Spirit, and yet His presence has been manifest in their general prosperity and peace, and in the special blessings which some of them received during the

week of prayer. These fourteen churches report two vacant pulpits, and a clear gain in membership of twenty-one. The church in West Addison, with only two male and two female resident members, worship with the Methodists. There are, however, several members of other Congregational churches residing among them, and other families that sympathize with them in their polity, and would unite with them in sustaining Congregational preaching. The church in Bridport has had a delightful refreshing. The interest began with the week of prayer. Meetings were continued every evening for two weeks, with eight or ten conversions. It has been a year of growth on the part of the church, and also a year of affliction, as some of the most reliable members have died. The society has paid off debts and arrearages amounting to $1,250. The church in Bristol is without a pastor, and worships with other denominations. The church in Cornwall reports good attendance, and has gained nine in numbers. It has been a year of general prosperity in Middlebury, and the pastor is steadily gaining the confidence and affection of the people. The church in New Haven is without a pastor. The pulpit is supplied by Prof. Webber. A revival of much interest and power commenced with the week of prayer, as fruits of which thirteen were received into the church in May. There has been much interest in Orwell, and several conversions are reported. In Shoreham the social meetings are *lively*. The influence of the revival three years since is still felt. The church continues revived. There has been a noticeable interest in religion in Vergennes. The young men are somewhat active, and the church grows stronger. In Weybridge there has been some discouragement, bnt no disposition to give up. The church in Salisbury have repaired their house of worship, and, with *lay-preaching* on the Sabbath, have enjoyed a revival of religion. The little church in Whiting, after a lapse of more than twenty years of independent action, has begun to revive, has hired a minister for half the time, has received two members and is expecting to receive ten or twelve more—has organized a Congregational society and a Sabbath school, and all since the first of January, 1871.

The churches of Caledonia Conference bring in a very favorable report. Having organized a new church at Lyndonville, they now number fourteen. Two of the pulpits are at present vacant, but are both expected to be filled soon. There has been a clear gain of sixty-eight members, the additions being 147, an average of over ten to each church—and the removals seventy-nine. The church in McIndoe's Falls reports much interest and many difficulties, but a gradual improvement in many things — several conver-

sions. In Barnet, the society has suffered much by removals, but those who remain, cheerfully assume the larger burdens. Meetings are all well sustained. Much interest during the week of prayer. The church in Burke feels weak, but maintains its meetings as usual. One young man, a member of the church, is preparing for the ministry. The church in Cabot is without a minister, Mr. Drew having resigned. The church is harmonious, and they have another minister prospectively engaged. Better things have been enjoyed by the church in Danville. Something of a revival was experienced in December, in connection with the Methodist church. Of the fifteen who joined the church, fourteen were heads of families. The church in Hardwick has had a year of prosperity. The house of worship has been repaired, and, by the efforts of the ladies, furnished with a new carpet and a bell. The church in Lyndon cannot say much of religious prosperity, but financially they have done well in expending $600 in repairs and purchase of cabinet organ, besides paying $100 on an old debt. A church of forty-one members was organized at Lyndonville last December. The week of prayer was observed with great interest. The village, laid out in the summer of 1866, contains about 120 families, nearly all of whom are attendants upon the Sabbath services. The society has nearly raised funds to erect a house of worship, and expects to begin the work of building forthwith. At present they worship in a hall in the third story. The church edifice at St. Johnsbury Center has been remodeled and repaired at an expense of 1,200. The religious interest is as usual. The second church in St. Johnsbury reports much improvement, in size and interest of prayer meetings. In St. Johnsbury East, the church has been quietly and joyfully gathering in the fruits of the revival of last year.. The church in Waterford is without a pastor, but the affairs of the church are harmonious and promising, and there is a prospect of securing a minister soon.

The report from Chittenden Conference does not show that the year has been one of marked prosperity, though there has been evident progress in outward affairs, and a gain of twenty-one in membership. All of the eighteen churches have good houses of worship, excepting that at Jericho Center. Some effort has been made during the last four years to repair the old brick church there, but obstacles have presented themselves. The reporter says, "It is to be deplored that so efficient a church as this should be so lax in this particular." The church and society at Westford have purchased and repaired the house that has been used as a parsonage. The first church in Burlington has built an elegant chapel, with lecture room below and pleasant parlors above. Some

progress has also been made in *spiritual* things in this conference. In the first church in Burlington, there has been more than ordinary religious interest since the first of January.. A few additional meetings have been held, and there have been some conversions and a quickening of religious life within the church. The second church in Burlington has received more members than for two years past. The church in Charlotte is without a pastor ; meetings are held, however, and with some religious interest. The church in Hinesburgh has enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Union meetings, beginning with the week of prayer, were continued during the winter, four in each week, one of them a young people's meeting. Seriousness prevailed in and outside of the church. Thirteen have been added to it, and from six to ten others have expressed a hope in Christ. God's people are still longing and hoping for "better things than these." Christians are unusually active and fervent in the church in Richmond, and are looking for a revival. Some extra meetings have just been held and are resulting in some good. The church in South Hero has been afflicted by the death of one of its most active young men. He bequeathed his property to various benevolent objects, giving, among others, $500 to the A. B. C. F. M. and $200 to his pastor. At Underhill there have been six or eight conversions among the young people of the academy. The church has suffered by death. The churches at Williston and Winooski have suffered by removal and death, yet both are hopeful and zealous. There has been unusual religious interest in Westford, chiefly in two districts in the eastern part, where meetings have been held by the Congregational and Baptist ministers. Ten or twelve profess to have met with a change of heart. With two exceptions, the services in this Conference are held in the morning and evening, giving more time to the Sabbath school, and all the churches seem pleased with the arrangement.

Of the three churches in Essex Conference, one, Guildhall, is without a pastor, but its pulpit has been supplied for three months by missionary labor. The other two churches, at Lunenburgh and at Granby and Victory, are in ordinary condition. They report a net loss of two members, and a total membership of 458.

The fourteen churches of Franklin and Grand Isle Conference show by their report a gain of two members. One of these churches, that at North Hero, is reported as extinct. There is but one member left, the rest having gone to other churches, and the enterprise has proved a failure. The church in East Berkshire has observed during the year the semi-centennial anniver-

sary of its organization. It reports "order and discipline good," and a peaceful and growing condition. There was some religious interest in connection with the week of prayer. In Enosburgh the prayer meetings are well attended. The little church in Fairfield, located in the midst of Romanism, has prospered unusually. There have been conversions and additions to the church. The cause of temperance has made much progress;—inebriates have reformed and attend public worship, and the religious affairs of the church are in a good condition. The state of religion is said to be low in the church in Georgia. There was some interest in the week of prayer, with two conversions of unusual interest. The report complains of chronic apathy on the part of the majority of the church which is not broken by the actual display of God's converting power. In Highgate the year has been one of dearth. The church has been weakened by removals and death, and there seems to be a want of consecration on the part of those who remain. In the church in Montgomery the prayer meetings are well attended. Mr. Paine is only nominally pastor of this church, having resigned long since. The pulpit is supplied only one fourth of the time, by Rev. E. W. Hatch. There is a hopeful condition of affairs in Sheldon. The congregation is increasing, and the Sabbath school retains nearly all the congregation. The first church in St. Albans, the clerk reports, is harmonious and prosperous. The ministrations of the pastor are highly appreciated. Members are added at almost every communion. An organized plan of Christian work has just been put in operation. The church mourns the death of Lawrence Brainerd, and of other influential members. The second church in St. Albans, after some years of suspension of regular services, has resumed them again. The house of worship is repaired. There has been some religious interest and a few conversions. The church, with the help of the first church, have called a minister, who now resides with them, and their prospects are bright. In Swanton there has been a good degree of religious interest. Prayer meetings are well attended, several have been converted, and some young persons have joined the church on profession of faith. The church has doubled its membership within three years, yet no member regrets his haste in joining the church, nor does the church feel that it has been too ready to receive members. The young people do well in prayer meeting, and in two classes of young persons in the Sabbath school there are forty-five members.

It has been a year of very little religious interest in Lamoille Conference, and the figures show a loss of twelve in membership. The cause of temperance, however, has prospered. Three of the

nine pulpits are vacant, Eden, North Hydepark and Waterville. (North Hydepark and Waterville have had preaching for three months.) The church in Morrisville was without a pastor until September, but is now seeing an increase of attendance, with a prospect of additions. The church in Johnson has suffered greatly from changes and imposition. The meeting-house at Wolcott has been repaired. There has been increased interest in the church in Stowe, and several conversions. Meetings in two out-districts, and a Sabbath school in one of them, have been held for a part of the year. The temperance cause has made much progress. The church in Hydepark greatly need a meeting-house. They have secured a desirable site, and have raised over $2,000 for building. The interest in the Sabbath school is increased, one mission school is held, and the pastor preaches in two out-districts.

The eighteen churches of Orleans Conference report a clear gain for the year of forty-five members, which number would have been larger had not the dismissals exceeded the accessions by letter, by eleven. There are four vacant pulpits in this conference — at Albany, Barton, Troy and Westfield. The church in Albany is without a minister, and is in a somewhat divided state, which seriously cripples it. Sabbath services are sustained by the deacons. Brownington speaks of a good Sabbath school, and a serious and attentive congregation. The church in West Charleston has made slow but sure and steady progress. The week of prayer was observed, and meetings continued every evening through the month, with several conversions and a higher devotion in church members, which still continues. There has been very marked religious interest also in Coventry. There have been few extra meetings excepting in neighboring districts, and yet thirty conversions are reported, with the prospect of receiving about twenty into the church. The young people's meeting is well sustained. Twelve families have been added to the congregation. The parsonage has been repaired, and the minister's salary increased by $200. The church in Craftsbury has had a year of unusual prosperity. The pastor says: "The revival which commenced in the south neighborhood a year ago, continued through the summer and fall, and that neighborhood has been thoroughly renovated. Other parts of the parish have shared the blessing, and the church has been greatly strengthened by valuable accessions of men and women of intellectual and moral worth. Of twenty who have united on profession, nineteen are heads of families. Eleven new family altars have been erected during the year. We feel that our great danger is of glorying selfishly in the blessing, and forgetting our dependence." An extensive revival has also been enjoyed by the

church in Derby. While their meeting-house was undergoing repairs to the extent of $3,000, they were worshiping with the Methodists, and received with them a rich blessing. The number of conversions was 100, including twenty-nine heads of families. Twenty-six have been added to the church, mostly young men and women of influence, more than doubling the working power of the church. The Sabbath school has trebled in numbers and interest. The church in Glover has been blessed with harmony and peace. Its prayer-meetings are well sustained. In Greensboro the church has suffered largely from the removal of some of its best members. The number has been kept more than good by additions. In Holland, the state of religious feeling has been hopeful. The week of prayer was observed. No record of the church in Irasburgh has been kept for the past nine years, and no full record for twenty-two years. False estimates of church statistics have been made hitherto, and with a report of thirty members absent, unknown and dead to itself, the church starts now on a new record. The ministrations of the word have been maintained for two thirds of the year, and an effort is now being made to begin better days by repairing the house of worship. The acting pastor writes: "May the Lord rebuke and disappoint those who are willing this church should die, and help those who are praying and laboring that it may live." Considerable religious interest is reported by the church in Lowell, and a spirit in the church which promises good things. The church in Morgan feels desolate since the death of its acting pastor, Mr. Gray. It has had no Congregational preaching since, and the prospect is rather discouraging, as there are only six resident male members in the church. The pastor, Mr. Clark, is too aged and feeble to perform much ministerial service. The church in Newport is prospering. The church in Troy has suffered much by emigration, and finds great difficulty in making progress with a large foreign population of almost every shade of error and unbelief. Unity and peace prevail in the church in North Troy, but not much spiritual life. Some hopeful indications appear in the church in Westfield. The church in Island Pond is increasing in members. A parsonage has been purchased and the house of worship repaired.

The twenty churches in Orange Conference report eight vacant pulpits, and a clear gain of five in membership. In Bradford, there seemed to be signs, at one time, of a gracious work of the spirit. There have been several additions to the church, and a few conversions. The church in Braintree has been supplied with preaching for only a portion of the time. The pastor, Rev. Ammi Nichols, now ninety years of age, is unable to engage in active

ministerial labors. Dea. Nichols writes that "the religious interest has been at low water mark, and that the church needs the sympathy of her fellows." The second church of Brookfield has enjoyed a gracious visitation of the spirit during the past winter. The state of things continues hopeful. In the church in Corinth there has been a steady advance in interest among Christians, with some additions to their church membership. Chelsea is rejoicing again in a settled minister. The church in West Fairlee has suffered much by the death of some of its efficient members, and the illness of its minister. The church in Newbury mourns the death of Dea. Keyes, and the ill health of its minister, but has been favored with the services of a substitute. There has been considerable religious interest. The house of worship is being beautified. West Randolph has adopted a new hymn book, "Songs of the Sanctuary," and has carried out a system of parochial visitation with good success. The church in Thetford prospers. There is a good degree of interest among all classes. Vershire has no public worship nor Sabbath school. The church in Wells River has been blessed with a spirit of work and prayer. Two branch Sabbath schools and two district prayer meetings have been sustained and have resulted in much good. The pulpits in Braintree, Brookfield first, Post Mills, Randolph, Strafford, Vershire, Washington and Williamstown are vacant. Of the church in Washington the reporter says: "It has not been heard from for years. It is twice dead. I don't know as a single member remains."

The churches in Rutland and Bennington Conference report, this year, a smaller number, (seventy-nine,) of "additions by profession" than for some years past. Some churches, however, enjoyed the quickening influences of the Spirit. There has been a marked seriousness in Rutland. At each communion some have united with the church,—at one time eighteen. The interest continues. Ten have professed religion in Benson, and five or six each, in the churches of Bennington second, Danby and Wallingford. All of the self-sustaining churches are provided with pastors. With aid from the Domestic Missionary Society, several of the feebler churches, by earnest effort of their own, are regularly supplied, while most of the remaining ones enjoy preaching by amicable co-operation with their Methodist brethren. This "Memorial Year," although a year of pecuniary depression in this county, has been quite productive of external improvements, in sanctuaries and instruments of worship, mentioned elsewhere. West Rutland church has made a change in hymn-books for both social and public worship. Pawlet, besides repairing its house of worship, has a new bell, Middletown a new organ costing $800, and Dorset

a $100 organ for the Sabbath school. The churches in North Bennington and Danby, though young, and unprovided in exclusive possession with sanctuary or parsonage, have yet provided comfortable and pleasant homes for their ministry. Some effort has been made in this Conference to look after the waste places. The West Rutland church gives up its afternoon service, and the pastor preaches in three other parts of the parish. Other churches hold neighborhood meetings or mission schools. The Sabbath schools increase in attendance. The Bible service meets with favor. In Brandon many adults attend. The cause of temperance has made progress in Clarendon, and many feel that this cause should be conscientiously and liberally cared for by our churches.

All but two of the thirteen churches in Washington Conference have been supplied with ministers during the year, and one of those was supplied for three months by a student. The year has been one of more than usual spiritual prosperity, and several of the churches have enjoyed a reviving. Two of the missionary churches which occupy "union houses" have, with the help of friends, secured funds, and are now building houses of worship for themselves. In Barre some religious interest was awakened during the week of prayer. For five successive weeks meetings were held every evening. Those converted or reclaimed from backsliding number about twenty. The members of the academy shared in the spirit of revival, and some of them co-operated with the church. In Berlin the Sabbath school is unusually large and interesting, and the current expenses have been raised with greater facility than ever before. The church in West Berlin have bought the share of the Methodists in the union house, and hold meetings every Sabbath. The conference meetings on Sabbath evening are very fully attended and very interesting. The brethren do their part willingly and promptly in sustaining them. The church in Duxbury has had no meetings since last summer. It has suffered a great loss in the death of Dea. Earl Ward, who was deacon more than forty years, and a pillar of the church. The church in Marshfield is in an active working condition. Their "mind to work" is seen in their efforts to build a church, and sustain meetings all the time after the 23d of May. The church in Montpelier has been in better order and spirit than for some time. The social meetings are well attended. The church in Northfield enjoyed something of a revival during the winter. Several were converted, and there still prevails a manifest thoughtfulness and a deep interest in the study of the Word. In Plainfield the working element in the church is quite weak, and the

need is felt of a greater sense of personal responsibility on the part of those who remain. The church in Roxbury has suffered from the ill-will of those that are without, and also from internal differences. It has been a year of trial. Instead of being rent asunder, however, the church has, with the aid of friends, raised funds for building a meeting-house. The church in Waterbury has been quickened of late, and there is more encouragement in both temporal and spiritual matters. A few hopeful conversions have occurred. At Worcester there have been two or three conversions during the year, and there is now more religious interest than at any previous time. The church in Waitsfield has had a year of prosperity—has introduced the "Book of Praise" and congregational singing. This conference reports a net gain of thirty-four members, the additions being sixty-nine and the removals thirty-five.

The twenty-five churches of Windham Conference have, on the whole, hardly held their own in numbers during the year, the additions being eighty-six and the removals eighty-nine, leaving a loss of three members. It is fair to say, however, that this loss is more than accounted for by the fact that ten more members have been *dismissed* than have been received by letter in that conference. Bellows Falls reports a marked interest in the Sabbath school. During the winter union meetings were held with the Baptist and Methodist churches, under the direction of Rev. H. G. DeWitt. For a time there was some interest and a few were converted, but the final issue was not altogether happy, nor the effect very deep or lasting upon the church as a whole, though several individuals seem to have been brought near to Christ and greatly blessed. There has been a remarkable work of grace in West Brattleboro, in school district No. 10, where meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association have been held. Members of every family, but two or three, have given evidence of conversion. In that and the neighboring districts of Dummerstown Hill, there have been forty or fifty conversions. Many of these persons desire the formation of a union church, but the plan has not been encouraged by the other evangelical churches in town. In East Brattleboro there has been a good degree of interest in the outward prosperity of the church, paying the society's debt, making needed improvments, etc. There has also been marked religious interest on the part of some who have not yet made a profession of religion, but who are kept back by supposed failures in duty on the part of the church. Still, there is a more manifest unity of Christ's people, and recently some tokens of the Holy Spirit's presence have been given. Cambridgeport tells of four conver-

sions, and an earnest spirit on the part of the church. In West Dover the special interest commenced in the fall, and continued during the winter. The church was revived and made more active in every good word and work. There were ten or eleven conversions, and back-sliders were reclaimed. In Dummerston there is a fair general interest; a few have been converted and some are laboring faithfully. The Ladies' Cent Society has been instrumental in increasing the benevolent contributions. Fayetteville reports marked progress. Four prayer meetings each week have been sustained since the first of November. Eight persons are indulging the hope that they have found the Saviour. The church is much refreshed, its meetings greatly improved, and the interest is shared by others who are not yet Christians, but who say they desire to be. In West Halifax, there are several persons who would unite with the church if there were preaching. Marlboro has had no stated preaching since last July. The church is making an effort to obtain a minister. Peru reports an unusual interest in the Sabbath services and in the weekly prayer meetings, which are fully attended. The church in Putney seems to be prospering. The prayer meetings are well sustained. The church has sustained a serious loss in the death of Dea. Crawford, an influential member and liberal supporter. In the church in East Townshend there is an increasing interest in the Sabbath school and in the Sabbath school concert, which is held in the afternoon of the last Sabbath in each month. The church in West Townshend have been without a minister for more than a year, but hold their meetings regularly. The church in Wardsboro was without preaching from October to April. The Sabbath services and the weekly prayer meetings have been sustained, but the members feel weak and low-spirited. At Westminister East the society has voted to repair the church and parsonage. The church is outwardly prosperous, but is without a pastor. Westminster West reports a very low state of religion. The church in Wilmington has had no regular minister.

To the twenty-five churches of Windsor Conference, the past year can hardly be called one of prosperity. Although two or three of them have had seasons of refreshing, and others report some growth, yet, on the whole, there has been a net loss of twenty-nine members, and the deaths have outnumbered the additions on profession, by five. The church in Bethel has suffered by the removal of families, yet those who remain show a willingness to do all that is possible to support the established means of grace. In Chester, the church observed the week of prayer in connection with the Baptists, and union meetings are now held on Sab-

bath evenings. No special religious interest. The church in Hartford has been for a time without a minister, but at present is enjoying the services of Rev. Robert Southgate. The want of a pastor has been deeply felt at West Hartford, but the church is now supplied with one. The young men's Sabbath morning prayer meeting has been sustained with interest for nearly a year. There have been five hopeful conversions, but no additions to the church. There is increasing solemnity on the Sabbath and in the social meetings in Norwich. The Young Men's Christian Association sustain district prayer meetings in the summer. An interesting prayer meeting has also been sustained in a district remote from the church, by the godly men and women who live there. In Pittsfield, two weekly prayer meetings have been sustained for most of the year. There are many of the inhabitants who never attend church except on funeral occasions. The church in Pomfret has been without preaching, excepting for two months by a student. They are making a hopeful effort now to secure a minister. The church in Quechee reports general prosperity. The pastor of the church in Rochester says: "we have peace, but it is rather the peace of the Dead Sea than of the river. We have been trying the 'one service' plan, with longer Sabbath school, but our neighbors have gone back to two sermons, and we shall, perhaps." The church in Sharon has enjoyed more religious interest and greater blessing than for many years. Eighteen have been added to the church, twelve by profession, and six or seven others say they have found Christ. The church has made cheering progress, and the Sabbath school has doubled in members and in interest. The Sabbath and social meetings of the church in Springfield have been well attended and well sustained, with ten or twelve hopeful conversions. The Sabbath school is large and interesting, in connexion with which, temperance has been urged by precept and pledge. Church dicipline has received prayerful and considerate attention, and a generous spirit of union and brotherly love has prevailed. The church in Stockbridge was without a minister through the winter. The weekly prayer meetings and Sabbath services were sustained, however, with a good degree of interest. The average congregation in Weathersfield has been reduced by removals, and the attendance at Sabbath school lessened by unusual sickness; still, the church has enjoyed some spiritual prosperity. For many years, preaching has been supported in Ascutneyville, half by Congregationalists and half by Methodists, who are entirely harmonious in their meetings, both for public and for social worship. The Congregational members are few but united. For more than two years, there has been no preaching in the church in Weston. Harmony has also been wanting.

At present, the weekly meeting is better sustained than for some time, and a disposition is manifested to have public worship. The church is now supplied by a student. Of late there has been some evident growth of spirituality among church members at Windsor, deeper interest in meetings, and a few marked conversions. The pastor of the church in Woodstock says: "We have had pleasure and prosperity in Zion in all respects save one, viz: few have joined us."

GENERAL RESULTS.

Gathering together the facts comprehended in these several reports, we find that our churches have, as reported, a total of 18,565 members, of whom 3,317 are non-residents. There have been received during the year, by profession of faith 596, by letter 375, in all 971. There have been dismissed 460, excommunicated twelve, and 366 have died, making the total loss of 838, and leaving us an increase in membership over last year of 133. Addison Conference has gained nineteen, Chittenden twenty-one, Franklin and Grand Isle two, Orange five, Orleans forty-five, Washington thirty-four and Caledonia sixty-eight; while Essex has lost one, Lamoille twelve, Rutland and Bennington sixteen, Windham three and Windsor twenty-nine. There are 20,603 connected with our Sabbath schools—about 400 more than last year. The average congregations are reported at 21,782, about 200 less than last year. The benevolent contributions amount to $45,104.50, which is about $2,000 in advance of last year. There have been 394 baptisms of adults and 253 baptisms of infants.

Allusion has sometimes been made in previous reports to the value of the property owned by churches, and to the annual cost of supporting gospel preaching in our State. With the advice of your late corresponding secretary, I have ventured to add these two questions to those usually put to the churches, and also to ask after the place of collegiate and theological education of the minister, questions which, if they be of less interest to the churches, may be of interest to the clergy.

J. TORREY,
Corresponding Secretary.

East Hardwick, Vt., June, 1871.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Six of the ministers of this state have died during the year past.

Rev. Richard Charles Hand died in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 28, 1870, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He was born in Shoreham, Vt., Jan. 21, 1802. At the age of fourteen he was converted and united with the church. In 1822 he graduated at Middlebury college, and at Andover in 1825. Ordained at Rutland in the same year, he commenced his ministry at Gouverneur, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where he was duly installed September 6, 1826. Pioneer work was called for here, and Mr. Hand had a large share in laying the foundations of the educational and religious institutions of the county. In 1832, on account of failing health, he accepted the agency of the American Board for the State of New York, and about two years afterward, the general agency of the A. B. C. F. M. for Northern New England. In 1839 he resumed his pastoral work at Danville, where he was installed in 1841. Having been prostrated by severe illness, he was dismissed in 1846, and in 1848 was again installed over the first Congregational church in Bennington. After laboring here about five years, his health failed, and he was constrained to abandon the work of the ministry. He was dismissed in 1853 and took up his residence in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Hand was a man of commanding presence, of liberal culture and of amiable character. He was an earnest and successful preacher, having been permitted in the course of his ministry to witness several seasons of great religious interest. He was a man of discriminating judgment and of good financial and executive ability. He was one of the leading ministers of the State, and preached the Convention sermon in 1842, at which time he was chosen moderator of the convention.

Obituary notice in Congregational Quarterly, 1871, page 77.

Rev. Asahel Reed Gray died in Coventry, August 18, 1870, in the fifty-seventh year of his age. He was born in the same town, June 29, 1814, graduated at the University of Vermont in 1844, after which he studied theology with Rev. S. R. Hall, of Craftsbury. On finishing his studies he was unanimously called to be pastor of the church in his native town, and was ordained as such November 13, 1844. For fourteen years he occupied this position, when he was dismissed in 1858, and soon after became acting pastor of the church in Albany. He afterwards preached for a part of the time in Holland, in Morgan and in Salem.

Mr. Gray was a good man, of amiable disposition, strong faith, and thoroughly evangelical creed. As a minister, he was characterized by earnestness and fidelity. He loved to preach the gospel, and exhibited much of the missionary spirit in his work. His illness was very short, but attended with extreme suffering and the utterances of a lively hope.

Fuller notice in Congregational Quarterly for 1871, page 79.

Rev. JOHN GLEED died in Morrisville, September 27th, 1870, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He was born in Swindon, Wiltshire, England, in January, 1785. At the age of fifteen he went to London, when, for the first time, he heard the *gospel* preached. In 1805 he entered Hoxton academy, where he was fitted for the ministry, and in 1810 was ordained over the Independent church at Teignmouth, Devonshire. He was afterwards settled ten years at Lyme Regis, Dorsetshire, and four years at Seaton, Devonshire. In 1832 he came to America, labored five years in Granby and other towns in Canada East, after which he came in 1837 to East Berkshire, dividing his labors between the towns of East and West Berkshire and Montgomery. He afterwards spent two years in preaching at Waterville and two at Wolcott, where his labors were interrupted by Millerism. He there spent about three years in itinerant lecturing, doing much for Sabbath schools and for temperance, and preaching sometimes at Eden. In 1847 he returned to Waterville, where he was acting pastor for fourteen years, after which he removed to Morrisville in 1861, to spend his remaining days with his sons.

Mr. Gleed thus enjoyed a ministry of over half a century. He was a man of vigorous and enduring constitution, not minding fatigue or exposure. With great firmness and energy, he united a genial and humorous social nature. He was a thorough student of the Scriptures, and a plain, thoughtful and pungent preacher. He is remembered as a bold advocate of the temperance and anti-slavery reforms.

Fuller notice in the Congregational Monthly, 1871, page 331.

Rev. NELSON BISHOP died at the residence of Rev. J. P. Humphrey, in East St. Johnsbury, January 10th, 1871, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He was born in Orford, Conn., Nov. 20, 1802, graduated at Bangor in 1826, was ordained pastor of the church at Clinton, Maine, November 19, 1828. On account of the failure of his voice, he was dismissed in 1834, after which he was for three years a resident licentiate at Andover. In November, 1839, he was installed over the church in Weathersfield, Vt., and was dismissed in 1842. From this time until 1865, a period of over twenty years, he was one of the publishers and editors of the Vermont Chronicle, and subsequently was connected with the Boston Recorder. At the time of his death, he was acting as agent for the Congregationalist and Recorder.

Mr. Bishop was almost always present at the meetings of this convention, and was too well and widely known to need that much should be said here of his character. He had a very thorough acquaintance with the Scriptures, which he quoted with great aptness and accuracy. In the doctrine and polity of our churches he was entirely at home, and his positions were usually correctly taken and strongly held. He was a clear and forcible writer, and although keen in controversy, was yet of a gentle and Christian temper. The association of which he was a member records its high estimate of his religious character and usefulness.

Rev. FREDERICK HICKS died in Bennington, February 24, 1871, in the 37th year of his age. He was born at Bennington, September 26, 1834. At the age of twenty he was hopefully converted, and

united with the church in his native place. He entered Williams College in 1857, and was a member of the Natural History commission from that college to Greenland, June 26, 1860. He graduated in 1861, and left for Central America, for the purpose of doing independent and self-supporting colporteur and missionary work. Armed with Bibles and tracts, he visited Guatemala in 1861, returned to Panama in 1865, where, having perfected himself as a speaker of the Spanish language, he opened a school for the gratuitous instruction of colored children. He also devoted himself to visiting the sick and poor, and to the care of foreigners who were needy or sick, and to missionary work generally. He was ordained while on a visit to Bennington in 1868, where he remained several weeks, supplying the pulpit, and abounding in pastoral labors which were greatly blessed. In 1869 he returned to Panama, where a church had been organized and a house of worship built through his instrumentality. After a few months his health broke down, and he was obliged to return again to Vermont. The immediate occasion of his death was his attempt to cure himself, according to an author he had read, by prolonged abstinence from food. For thirty-two days he took no nourishment whatever, except water. The experiment was fatal. He resumed nourishment, but lingered only for three weeks. Mr. Hicks seems to have been controlled strongly by the idea of independence of any missionary society, and of self-support. His was a "*life of trust*," and a singularly successful one. Means came to him from unexpected quarters in small and large sums, and often just as they were wanted. Thus, his family was provided for and he was enabled out of the same means to support a colporteur for a large portion of the time. His consecration to Christ was very marked, and his zeal very untiring in services of Christian love and sympathy.

Fuller notice in Bennington Banner, February, 1871.

Rev. CHARLES WALKER, D. D. died in Binghamton, N. Y., November 28, 1870, aged seventy-nine He was born in Woodstock, Conn., February 1st, 1791. When he was six years old, his father removed to Strafford, Vt., where his youth was spent. At the age of twenty-one, he returned on foot to his native town, in Connecticut, making a circuit of 500 miles, where he remained five years as clerk and overseer of a woolen factory. During a revival of religion which occurred at this time, he was a subject of its gracious influences, and devoted himself to study for the gospel ministry. After spending about a year and a-half in study at Cherry Valley, N. Y., and at Meriden, N. H., he went to Andover seminary, where he graduated in 1821. His first labors as a preacher were among the seamen at the Mariners' church in New York. He was ordained as an Evangelist by the Presbytery of Otsego, in 1822, and in July of that year commenced preaching in Rutland, Vt., where he was installed January 1st, 1823. On account of a bronchial disease he was dismissed in 1833, after a ministry in which 249 members had been added to the church. Unable to preach, he opened the seminary in Castleton, where he remained a year and regained his voice. January 1st, 1835, he was installed pastor of the church in Brattleboro, where he enjoyed a successful ministry of eleven years. The occasion of his

leaving, was a temperance sermon which gave offence to a few influential men. In 1846 he was installed over the church in Pittsford, where he remained until 1864. This was his last pastorate.

Dr. Walker was chosen a member of the corporation of Middlebury college in 1837, a corporate member of the A. B. C. F. M. in 1838, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Burr and Burton Seminary in 1830. He received his degree of D. D. from the University of Vermont in 1847. In his character Dr. Walker was amiable, magnanimous, upright, consecrated to the Saviour and a Christian of marked spirituality, faith, love and humility. As a preacher he was peculiarly instructive and impressive, and sound in the faith. As a pastor, he was faithful and devoted to the interests of his people. He was one of the originators of the Vermont Chronicle and a liberal contributor to its columns. Several sermons, tracts and Sunday school books are among his published works.

Commemoration sermon published in the Manchester Journal, February 28th, 1871.

Rev. Seth Shaler Arnold died in Weathersfield, ———, 1871, aged eighty-three years. He was born in Westminster, Feb. 22, 1788, graduated at Middlebury in 1812, studied theology with Rev. J. Breckenridge, of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Sylvester Sage, of Westminster. He was ordained pastor of the church in Alstead, N. H., January 17th, 1816, where he labored until 1834. He also preached at Gilsom and Walpole, N. H., and at Westminster, about two years at each place. He was acting pastor in Newfane, Wardsboro, Saxton's River, Westminster West, Springfield and Cavendish, in Vermont, and at Troy, Westmoreland, Langdon, Charlestown, Unity, Lempster and Alstead, in New Hampshire. Several revivals occurred in the course of his ministry. In 1864 he retired from the ministry and took up his residence in Weathersfield. He was a good man and an earnest and devoted minister of Christ.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The amount of Church Property reported by 142 churches is, by counties, as follows :

Addison County	$109,026	Orleans County	$58,600
Caledonia	79,700	Rutland & Bennington	200,500
Chittenden	207,500	Washington	99,200
Franklin & Grand Isle	94,000	Windham	94,900
Lamoille	17,776	Windsor	86,200
Orange	73,700		
			$1,121,092

SALARIES OF MINISTERS.

In the following table the *first* column of figures gives the number of churches in each Association that have reported the salaries paid their ministers ; the *second* column, the aggegate amount paid by these churches ; the *third* column, the average salary ; the *fourth* column, the number of churches that pay $1,000 or more.

10	in Addison Assoc.	pay	$10,600	av.	$1,060	7	are $1,000 or over.
12	in Winooski	"	11,850	"	987	3	" "
10	in No. Western	"	8,800	"	880	4	" "
6	in Bennington	"	5,800	"	996	3	" "
14	in Caledonia	"	14,450	"	1,030	6	" "
14	in Orleans	"	9,900	"	770	2	" "
15	in Rutland	"	16,800	"	1,120	9	" "
4	in Lamoille	"	2,750	"	700	0	" "
11	in Orange	"	11,000	"	1,000	6	" "
14	in Montpelier	"	13,700	"	980	6	" "
3	in Royalton	"	2,100	"	700	0	" "
13	in Windham	"	11,500	"	900	4	" "
4	in Windsor	"	4,500	"	1,125	3	" "
4	in White River	"	3,600	"	900	1	" "
134		all	$127,750		$905.54		are $1,000 or over.

The following are the places of collegiate and theological education of 134 ministers, with the number of graduates from each institution :

COLLEGES.

English	2	Harvard	2	Williams	6
Glasgow	1	Brown	2	Yale	12
Lafayette	1	Hamilton	2	Amherst	15
N. Y. Univ	1	Bowdoin	3	Dartmouth	22
Illinois	1	Oberlin	4	Middlebury	25
Wabash	1	Union	5	Univ. Vt.	29

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THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Cheshunt, Eng.	1	East Windsor	2	Auburn	9
Chicago	1	Hartford	3	Union	17
Lane	1	Oberlin	3	Bangor	20
Theol. Inst.	2	New Haven	5	Andover	60
Gilmanton	2	Princeton	7		

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ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.

1870, Dec. 6.....Lyndonville,.....41 members.

MINISTERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1870, Sept. 8.....Mr. Russell T. Hall.....Pittsford.
Oct. 18.....Mr. F. B. Phelps.....Lowell.
Dec. 8.....Mr. Sidney Crawford.....Fairhaven.
Dec. 15.....Mr. Charles M. Southgate.....St. Johnsbury North.
Mr. Levi G. Chase.....Dummerston.

MINISTERS INSTALLED.

1870, June 28.....Rev. Henry M. Holmes.....Benson.
Sept. 1.....Rev. E. P. Hooker.....Middlebury.

LICENTIATES.

Nelson F. Cobleigh.....Marshfield.
Matthew H. Buckham.....Burlington.
Edward Hungerford.....Burlington.
Geo. N. Abbott.....South Newbury.

MINISTERS DISMISSED.

1870, July 12.....Rev. P. B. Fisk.....Peacham.
Oct. 18.....Rev. Azro A. Smith.....Lowell.
Dec. 14.....Rev. E. C. Cummings.....St. Johnsbury North.
1871, Apr. 25.....Rev. Geo. H. Bailey.....Newport.
Apr. 26.....Rev. Wm. A. Robinson.....Barton.
Rev. F. J. Fairbanks.....Westminster East.
Rev. B. F. Ray.....Hartford.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1870, July 28.....Rev. Richard C. Hand.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
Aug. 18.....Rev. Asahel R. Gray.....Coventry.
Sep. 27.....Rev. John Gleed.....Morrisville.
Nov. 28.....Rev. Charles Walker, D. D.....Binghamton, N. Y.
1871, Jan. 10.....Rev. Nelson Bishop.....St. Johnsbury East.
Feb. 24.....Rev. Frederick Hicks.....Bennington.
Rev. Seth S. Arnold.....Assonueyville.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN MAY.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by HARVEY F. LEAVITT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl.	Tot.	Adu'lt	Inf'nt				
Addison	Nov. 24, 1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	2	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Bridport	June 30, 1790	W. W. Winchester,	P.	Mar. 23, 1851	1867	66	125	191	36	6	2	8	6	6	0	12	5	1	230	200	$620 18	$16,000
Bristol	July 8, 1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	27	49	76	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50 00	2,026
Cornwall	July 15, 1785	S. W. Magill,	A. P.	1837	1867	59	101	160	26	8	5	13	2	2	0	4	6	3	220	175	256 05	12,000
Ferrisburgh	Jan. 25, 1824	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.	Feb. 1858	1870	18	45	63	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	75	71 00	10,000
Middlebury	Sept. 5, 1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	Nov. 13, 1861	1870	159	253	332	50	5	6	12	5	8	1	14	3	1	320	300	1008 53	20,000
New Haven	Sept. 29, 1809	G. N. Webber, D.D.	A. P.	Dec. 5, 1855	1870	89	151	240	31	13	0	13	3	0	0	3	0	0	125	200	.....	3,000
Orwell	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	Feb. 17, 1864	1869	73	111	184	26	14	1	15	2	1	0	3	10	....	200	150	281 00	5,000
Ripton	Nov. 6, 1828	Cephas H. Kent,	P.	Oct. 22, 1828	1861	27	36	63	20	3	0	3	1	3	0	4	1	0	....	45	68 00	6,000
Salisbury	Feb. 8, 1814	—. Utley, Lay Pr.	.....	.....	....	16	32	48	9	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	125	25 00	6,000
Shoreham	Mar. 26, 1794	Wm. N. Bacon,	P.	Dec. 28, 1859	1864	56	85	121	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	125	143 50	6,000
Vergennes	Sept. 17, 1793	H. P. V. Bogue,	P.	July 25, 1866	1869	63	129	192	26	1	1	2	2	8	...	10	0	0	124	180	190 00	15,000
Weybridge	June 20, 1794	H. D. Kitchel, D. D.	A. P.	Feb. 10, 1839	1867	28	46	74	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	77	60	.....	6,000
Whiting	Dec. 28, 1809	H. F. Leavitt,	A. P.	May 1830	1871	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	40	0 00	0,000
14		6 Pastors, 5 A. P.				617	1259	1813	267	55	15	70	22	28	1	51	25	5	1366	1675	$2,712 77	$169,026

Ministers without charge.—Joseph Steele, Daniel Ladd, Prof. Solon Albee, Prof. Ezra Brainerd, Jr., Eben Smith, John Steele, A. C. Barton, Middlebury; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Installed.—E. P. Hooker, Middlebury, Sept. 1, 1870.

Register of Conference—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Middlebury.

Time of meeting of Conference—The 2d Tuesday of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at Orwell.

2. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. L. S. Watts.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Excl	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Barnet, (M. I. F.).	Oct. 22, 1829	S. G. Norcross,	A. P.	Oct. 11, 1859	1869	17	72	89	30	11	1	12	1	2	0	3	7	4	110	128	$125 00	$8,000
Barnet.....	Sept. 14, 1858	Lyman S. Watts,	A. P.	Feb. 7, 1866	1867	27	82	109	26	6	6	12	2	8	0	10	4	6	207	140	390 00	0,000
Burke	Feb. 28, 1807	Joseph Underwood,	A. P.	Apr. 8, 1826	1869	19	34	53	11	3	1	4	0	4	0	4	1	1	34	50	25 50	2,800
Cabot.....	Oct. 25, 1801	S. F. Drew,	P.	Oct. 18, 1857	1860	42	80	122	13	0	3	3	2	3	0	5	0	4	75	150	50 00	2,500
Danville.....	Aug. 1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	July 1, 1869	1869	36	71	107	31	15	0	15	1	0	0	1	13	2	115	125	170 50	8,000
Hardwick.....	July 29, 1808	Joseph Torrey,	P.	May 30, 1860	1860	52	105	157	22	5	4	9	1	1	0	2	3	0	170	120	344 11	5,800
Lyndon.....	Nov. 30, 1817	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	18	60	78	39	0	1	1	0	10	0	10	0	2	84	90	110 00	.....
Lyndonville.....	Dec. 6, 1870	Perrin B. Fisk,	A. P.	Oct. 1, 1863	1870	17	32	49	0	18	31	49	0	0	0	0	12	2	268	175	12 00	0,000
Peacham.....	Apr. 14, 1792	M. S. Dudley,	A. P.	.....	1871	63	156	219	10	2	0	2	8	0	0	8	1	3	312	300	267 10	6,500
St. Johnsbury 1st.	Nov. 21, 1809	Edw'd T. Fairbanks,	P.	Jan. 1, 1866	1867	22	59	81	16	0	0	0	7	5	0	12	0	0	126	126	37 00	5,000
St. Johnsbury 2d..	Apr. 7, 1825	Chas. M. Southgate,	P.	Dec. 15, 1870	1870	103	131	234	71	3	2	5	3	10	0	13	2	1	315	251	3,934 44	15,000
St. Johnsbury S...	Oct. 23, 1851	Lewis O. Brastow,	P.	Jan. 10, 1861	1870	79	138	217	40	14	4	18	2	4	0	6	7	6	270	282	4,368 54	15,000
St. Johnsbury E...	Nov. 25, 1849	J. P. Humphrey,	P.	Feb. 3, 1847	1861	67	76	143	26	12	2	14	1	0	0	1	6	0	200	150	244 00	6,000
Waterford.....	May 30, 1798	Vacant,	.....	.....	1868	43	63	106	35	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	1	4	100	140	116 40	5,600
14		7 Pastors, 5 A. P.				605	1219	1824	370	90	57	147	31	48	0	79	57	35	2326	2227	$10,294 59	$79,700

Ministers without charge—W. W. Thayer, Prof. Henry Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury; M. H. Wells, Waterford; Moses B. Bradford, McIndoe's Falls.

Ordained—Charles M. Southgate, Dec. 15, 1870.

Dismissed—E. C. Cummings, St. Johnsbury, Dec. 14, 1870; Rev. P. B. Fisk, Peacham, July 12, 1870.

Register of Conference—Rev. P. B. Fisk, Lyndonville. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second Tuesday in June.

Church organized—Lyndonville, Dec. 6, 1870.

3. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. Bates.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Deth	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Adu't	Inf'nt				
Burlington 1st....	Feb. 21, 1805	Edward H. Griffin,	P..	Feb. 6, 1808	1808	107	211	318	60	8	8	16	3	12	0	15	4	4	225	350	$1,315 00	60,000
Burlington 3d.....	Nov. 4, 1860	George B. Safford,	P.	Sept. 2, 1858	1860	35	75	110	10	6	5	11	1	4	0	5	3	0	70	225	351 16	50,000
Charlotte.....	Jan. 3, 1792	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	44	98	142	1	2	6	8	1	1	0	2	1	0	150	144	163 30	7,000
Colchester	1804	Charles M. Seaton,	A. P.	Sept. 28, 1837	1869	9	55	64	20	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	70	53	87 00	3,500
Essex.....	Oct. 3, 1791	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	34	59	93	21	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	50	75	75 00	4,500
Essex Junction....	June 29, 1869	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	9	18	27	2	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	2	0	200	150	.....	9,000
Hinesburgh	May 20, 1789	Clark E. Ferrin,	P.	Dec. 10, 1851	1856	32	68	100	32	13	1	14	3	0	0	3	8	0	112	87	.....	6,000
Jericho 1st.....	Mar. 31, 1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	Mar. 29, 1890	1864	32	57	89	17	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	195	100	200 00	4,500
Jericho Corners..	Aug. 31, 1836	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	8	25	33	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	.....
Milton.....	Sept. 21, 1804	John H. Woodward,	A. P.	1837	1869	10	32	42	4	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	2	100	85	144 00	17,000
Milton West.....	Feb. 28, 1853	John H. Woodward,	A. P.	1837	1869	8	13	21	4	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	50	60	.....	.....
Richmond	Sept. 24, 1801	Josiah L. Litch,	A. P.	Apr. 7, 1867	1870	7	29	32	7	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	70	90	0 00	5,000
South Hero.....	1795	Orville G. Wheeler,	P.	Nov. 5, 1840	1840	23	54	77	6	2	3	5	1	2	0	3	0	1	100	100	47 00	3,000
Underhill.....	Dec. 27, 1801	Samuel L. Bates,	P.	Mar. 23, 1864	1863	32	45	77	14	0	4	4	2	0	1	3	0	1	120	116	119 00	3,500
Underhill North..	Dec. 19, 1839	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	3	8	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	.....
Westford	Aug. 7, 1801	George P. Byington,	A. P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1869	25	58	83	12	0	4	4	1	4	0	5	0	2	162	140	195 22	9,000
Williston.....	Jan. 23, 1813	Joshua L. Maynard,	P.	Jan. 1841	1865	29	57	86	10	4	1	5	0	6	0	6	3	1	109	90	150 00	10,500
Winooski.....	Nov. 9, 1836	Lester H. Elliot,	P.	May 2, 1866	1866	19	49	68	15	1	2	3	2	3	1	6	0	1	96	120	92 86	15,000
18		7 Pastors, 6 A. P.				466	1007	1473	242	46	37	83	20	40	2	62	29	14	1879	1985	$2,939 54	$207,500

Ministers without charge—John H. Worcester, D. D., James Buckham, John K. Converse, John E. Goodrich, Henry A. P. Torrey, James C. Houghton, Spencer Marsh, Andrew J. Willard, Henry P. Hickok, Burlington; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; Samuel Marsh, Eben C. Birge, Underhill; A. Fleming, Constable, N, Y.; Moses P. Parmelee, Missionary to Turkey.

Licentiates—Matthew H. Buckham, Edward Hungerford, Burlington; George N. Abbott, South Newbury.

4. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. JOSHUA EATON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Guildhall	Apr. 19, 1799	Vacant,	.....	42	....	22	46	68	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Lunenburgh	Dec. 27, 1802	L. W. Harris,	A. P.	.....18..	1870	44	72	116	26	2	...	2	2	2	...	4	....	....	120	....	.....	.....
Granby & No. Victory	June 8, 1828	Joshua Eaton,	A. P.	Dec. 1, 1841	1868	18	27	45	45	1	1	2	...	1	...	1	....	....	63	51	$70 52	.....
3		2 A. P.				84	145	229	59	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	0	9	183	....	$70 52	.....

Minister without charge—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

Register of Conference—Rev. Joshua Eaton.

5. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. Herman C. Riggs.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Alburgh	Feb. 18, 1824	Calvin B. Cady,	A. P.	1838	1851	15	33	48	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	150	$88 47	.....
Bakersfield	July 3, 1811	George F. Wright,	P.	Aug 26, 1863	1862	44	80	124	21	1	1	2	2	3	0	5	1	2	135	120	331 83	$7,500
Berkshire E.	July 15, 1820	Elias W. Hatch,	P.	Sept. 25, 1866	1866	19	28	47	5	2	1	3	0	4	0	4	1	2	111	70	48 00	3,500
Enosburgh	Oct. 11, 1811	Alfred B. Swift,	A. P.	Jan. 7, 1855	1861	52	74	126	28	6	1	7	6	11	0	17	4	3	150	110	333 15	10,000
Fairfield	Sept. 22, 1800	Daniel Wild,	A. P.	July 1, 1830	1867	12	21	33	2	7	0	7	2	0	0	2	6	1	55	55	190 00	5,000
Franklin	Oct. 9, 1817	Joseph R. Munsill,	A. P.	.....	1868	13	27	40	3	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	75	75 00	.....
Georgia	Nov. 7, 1793	Charles C. Torrey,	P.	Sept. 5, 1855	1868	27	55	82	7	2	2	4	4	2	0	6	1	1	80	120	127 00	6,000
Highgate	Oct. 28, 1811	Elam J. Comings,	A. P.	Sept. 1841	1867	20	42	62	4	4	2	6	3	2	0	5	0	0	125	115	54 00	3,000
Montgomery	July 15, 1817	Sewall Paine,	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1843	18	33	51	8	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	94	44	7 40	.....
North Hero*	Nov. 18, 1866	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sheldon	Aug. 1816	Amos J. Samson,	A. P.	Feb. 15, 1843	1869	19	31	50	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	80	75	200 00	8,000
St. Albans 1st,	Jan. 2, 1805	Herman C. Riggs,	P.	May 1857	1868	80	161	241	26	6	7	13	3	6	0	9	5	6	210	400	4,232 24	30,000
St. Albans 2d	May 26, 1841	D. B. Bradford,	A. P.	June 13, 1838	1871	18	28	46	11	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	4	3	39	75	.....	5,000
Swanton	Jan. 4, 1800	Eugene J. Ranslow.	A. P.	June 23, 1869	1869	44	91	135	27	7	3	10	3	5	0	8	3	2	173	141	223 00	16,000
14		5 Pastors, 8 A. P.				381	704	1085	159	42	22	64	27	34	1	62	25	20	1373	1550	$5,910 00	$94,000

* This church is now probably extinct.

Minister without charge—Lyndon S. French, Franklin.

Register of Conference—Rev. C. C. Torrey, Georgia. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday of June.

6. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. G. Bailey.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ted	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Cambridge	Feb. 18, 1792	Edwin Wheelock,	P.	Jan. 23, 1856	1856	15	21	36	....	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	....	125	.....	.....
Eden	July 3, 1812	Vacant,			....	A.																
Hydepark	July 15, 1863	J. G. Bailey,	P.	Feb. 24, 1864	1862	8	22	30	4	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	90	75	$30 00	$200
North Hydepark	Oct. 11, 1858	Vacant,			....	9	25	34	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	.....	2,000
Johnson	Sept. 22, 1817	B. B. Ward,	A. P.		1871	40	82	122	29	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	104	150	82 42	4,000
Morristown	Oct. 9, 1807	D. W. Hadley,	A. P.		1870	25	66	91	19	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	125	130	53 00	2,500
Waterville	Nov. 7, 1823	Vacant,			....	5	13	18	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	100	100 00	1,000
Wolcott	Oct. 28, 1818	Horace Herrick,	A. P.	Sept. 1844	1856	15	36	51	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	70	18 00	1,966
Stowe	July 15, 1818	Benj. F. Perkins,	A. P.	1865	1870	30	68	98	19	3	3	6	3	3	0	9	1	0	133	182	142 76	4,000
9		2 Pastors, 4 A. P.				147	333	480	98	5	5	10	11	11	0	22	2	0	587	822	$425 38	$17,776

Minister without charge—James Dougherty, D. D. *Deceased*—John Gleed.

Register of Conference—Rev. James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson.

Time of meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

7. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Con'ced	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Bapt'ms Adu't	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Bradford	June 29, 1818	John K. Williams,	P.	Nov. 22, 1866	1866	35	117	152	22	3	10	13	4	3	0	7	3	0	137	165	$280 00	$9,500
Braintree	Dec. 25, 1794	Ammi Nichols,	A. P.	Sept. 23, 1807	1807	19	19	35	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	80	25 00	.....
Brookfield 1st	Sept. 23, 1785	Daniel Wild,	P.	.....	....	25	44	69	14	0	2	2	6	0	0	6	0	0	75	90	15 00	.....
Brookfield 2d	Nov. 16, 1848	Wm. A. Bushee,	P.	Aug. 19, 1869	1868	26	36	62	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	130	120	38 25	3,500
Chelsea	Apr. 10, 1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	Feb. 24, 1864	1870	65	117	182	8	14	7	21	3	3	0	6	13	2	160	175	181 25	8,000
Corinth	Oct. 10, 1820	Caleb M. Winch,	A. P.	June 29, 1853	1869	32	76	108	38	3	4	7	4	3	0	7	2	0	150	150	56 66	2,500
Fairlee	Feb. 28, 1833	Silas McKeen, D. D.	A. P.	Oct. 28, 1815	1866	15	39	54	10	1	0	1	3	1	0	5	0	1	70	100	50 00	3,000
Fairlee West	Dec. 9, 1809	Solon Martin,	A. P.	June 16, 1835	1866	34	67	101	21	0	0	0	4	6	...	10	0	4	150	200	682 66	7,000
Newbury	 1764	A. T. Deming,	A. P.	June 11, 1863	1870	37	108	145	30	1	1	2	4	6	...	10	0	2	125	125	58 52	.....
Newbury West	Feb. 13, 1867	R. Dexter Miller,	A. P.	July 2, 1856	1870	14	30	44	0	1	5	6	0	2	1	3	0	2	125	125	58 52	.....
Post Mills	Feb. 26, 1839	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	26	60	86	9	1	5	6	2	3	0	5	1	8	75	....	50 40	1,000
Randolph	May 30, 1786	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	39	63	102	18	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	....	120	.....	4,500
Randolph West	Oct. 21, 1821	Samuel W. Dike,	P.	Feb. 3, 1869	1868	* 54	104	158	51	1	2	3	4	2	0	6	1	1	156	140	244 53	12,000
Strafford	Nov. 1819	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	11	21	32	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	30	50	25 00	.....
Thetford	1773	Richard T. Searle,	P.	May 8, 1845	1868	72	133	205	28	10	6	16	2	0	0	2	3	1	170	180	459 85	6,000
Tunbridge	Feb. 5, 1792	O. S. Morris,	A. P.	July 9, 1848	1868	17	23	40	6	7	0	7	0	2	0	2	4	0	80	80	25 00	3,700
Vershire	July 14, 1787	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	18	35	53	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	....	.....	.....
Washington	1800	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Wells River	June 13, 1842	Wm. S. Palmer,	P.	Feb. 19, 1862	1862	43	100	159	22	10	5	15	2	10	0	12	9	2	270	225	400 00	8 000
Williamstown	Aug. 13, 1795	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	19	63	82	20	0	5	5	4	8	0	12	0	1	80	85	.....	5,000
20		7 Pastors, 7 A. P.				608	1235	1873	339	52	52	104	50	48	1	99	37	22	1978	2185	$2,632 12	$73,700

Ministers without charge—Joseph Fuller, Vershire ; Joseph Marsh, Thetford.

Register of Conference—Rev. William S. Palmer. *Time of meeting of Conference*—June 6th and 7th.

8. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. AZEL W. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors P. Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Contrib.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot	Adu't	Inf'nt				
Albany	Aug. 16, 1818					18	24	42	2	7	6	13	0	2	0	2	7	0	70	90	$18 00	$3,000
Barton	Sept. 24, 1817	Vacant,				32	69	101	20	5	3	8	0	4	0	4	3	0	152	130	226 00	5,500
Brighton	Sept. 1, 1841	John C. Houghton,	A. P.	Jan. 15, 1868	1860	7	12	19	6	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	100	100	25 00	2,500
Brownington	March 4, 1809	Israel T. Otis,	A. P.	June 10, 1835	1869	23	44	67	9	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	1	60	75	60 00	3,000
Charleston West	May 14, 1844	A. C. Childs,	P.	May 18, 1853	1868	17	50	67	8	3	5	8	1	0	0	1	2	4	100	115	147 10	3,500
Coventry	Oct. 2, 1810	F. W. Dickinson,	A. P.	June 17, 1868	1870	44	92	136	12	4	5	9	5	3	0	8	3	1	210	170	150 00	9,000
Craftsbury	July 4, 1797	Edward P. Wild,	P.	Oct. 11, 1865	1865	53	103	156	12	20	7	27	1	5	0	6	13	8	181	130	247 37	4,650
Derby	Aug. 9, 1807	John Rogers,	A. P.		1861	42	67	109	14	26	1	27	1	2	0	3	23	7	100	100	100 00	4,500
Glover	July 12, 1817	Sidney K. B. Perkins,	P.	Jan. 11,	1860	25	54	79	15	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	1	5	150	140	65 00	5,750
Greensboro	Nov. 24, 1804	Azel W. Wild,	P.	Oct. 26,	1864	33	56	89	16	7	2	9	1	7	0	8	3	2	173	106	128 36	5,000
Holland	Nov. 30, 1842	Jabez T. Howard, T. E. Ranney,	P. A. P.	Jan. 19, May 1,	1841 1844	2	13	15	8	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	30	50	19 00	1,000
Irasburgh	Jan. 28, 1818	Azro A. Smith,	A. P.	Feb. 11,	1864	30	38	68	13	0	1	1	2	10	0	12	0	0	....	....	0 00	1,000
Lowell	Jan. 10, 1816	Frederick B. Phelps,	P.	Oct. 18,	1870	21	31	52	3	4	2	6	1	1	0	2	3	0	120	90	.....	3,000
Morgan	June 4, 1823	Jacob. S. Clark,	P.	Jan. 11,	1827	12	24	36	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	125	.....	.....
Newport	Feb. 23, 1831	W. C. Somerville,	A. P.	Oct.	1851	42	68	110	35	5	7	12	1	7	1	9	4	3	100	140	125 00	4,000
Troy	Jan. 23, 1845	Vacant,				4	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	50	5 00	2,000
Troy North	Feb. 5, 1818	David Connell,	A. P.	Oct. 20,	1842	13	40	53	3	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	90	8 00	3,000
Westfield	Apr. 19, 1818	Vacant,				22	38	60	10	0	1	1	1	4	1	6	0	1	75	70	20 00	1,200
18		7 Pastors, 8 A. P.				440	834	1274	198	88	45	133	23	52	2	77	64	32	1786	1771	$1,343 83	$61,600

Ministers without charge—R. V. Hall, Newport; Samuel Read Hall, LL. D., Brownington; George Stone, North Troy.

Ordained—Frederic B. Phelps, Lowell, October 18, 1870.

Deceased—Asahel Reed Gray, Coventry, August 18, 1870.

Dismissed—Azro A. Smith, Lowell, October 18, 1870; George H. Bailey, Newport, April 25, 1871; William A. Robinson, Barton, April 26, 1871.

Register of Conference—Rev. George H. Bailey. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second week in June.

9. RUTLAND AND BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. P. S. PRATT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres Min Connected.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Bapt'ms. Adu't	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Arlington East....	Nov. 2, 1843	Charles Redfield,	A. P.	1859	1868	14	35	49	13	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	70	$19 00	$5,000
Bennington 1st....	Dec. 3, 1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	June 14, 1843	1853	46	127	173	....	1	4	5	6	7	0	13	1	6	144	125	448 48	.....
Bennington 2d....	Apr. 27, 1836	C. H. Hubbard,	A. P.	Feb. 1848	1851	48	118	166	14	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	6	4	200	300	577 92	.....
Bennington North	May 21, 1868	Henry C. Weston,	P.	Oct. 13, 1869	1869	13	24	37	5	2	5	7	1	5	0	6	2	1	140	130	53 45	.....
Benson.....	1790	Henry M. Holmes,	P.	May 10, 1866	1769	62	106	168	27	10	1	11	10	2	1	13	7	6	140	175	118 63	20,000
Brandon.....	Sept. 23, 1785	Franklin Tuxbury,	P.	July 15, 1857	1865	69	134	203	32	1	2	3	6	2	0	8	1	3	149	175	321 46	20,000
Castleton.....	1784	Lewis Francis,	P.	.....	1864	53	118	171	45	3	3	6	6	6	0	12	3	1	130	180	328 06	.....
Chittenden.....	June 1834	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarendon.....	Feb. 18, 1822	William T. Herrick,	P.	May 28, 1851	1861	33	44	77	12	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	0	110	107	305 58	5,500
Danby.....	Nov. 4, 1869	James P. Stone,	A. P.	Oct. 16, 1839	1869	7	15	22	3	5	3	8	1	0	0	1	5	0	85	65	44 00	2,500
Dorset.....	Sept. 22, 1784	Parsons S. Pratt.	P.	Sept. 29, 1847	1856	36	77	113	15	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	2	166	160	292 75	7,000
Dorset East.....	Oct. 1, 1867	W. W. Foster, Meth.	.....	.....	1870	2	6	8	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	74	100	50 00	.....
Fair Haven.....	Jan. 2, 1802	Sidney Crawford,	A. P.	Dec. 8, 1870	1870	23	53	76	3	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	125	75 00	8,000
Hubbardton.....	1782	Calvin Granger,	A. P.	Aug. 6, 1834	1864	20	33	53	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	75	52 01	4,000
Manchester.....	1784	Rufus S. Cushman,	P.	Dec. 1813	1862	67	121	188	21	1	2	3	6	17	0	23	1	3	175	250	229 24	18,000
Middletown.....	1780	Osborne Myrick,	A. P.	Feb. 18, 1846	1869	17	34	51	17	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	3	0	144	100	95 00	7,500
Pawlet.....	1781	John P. Demeritt,	A. P.	May 31, 1870	1871	19	58	77	11	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	125	150	0 00	7 600
Pittsford.....	1784	Russell T. Hall,	P.	Sept. 8, 1870	1870	75	114	189	59	2	2	4	3	7	0	10	2	0	200	220	479 05	15,000
Poultney.....	1780	Ovid Miner,	A. P.	1836	1839	40	72	112	20	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	1	55	100	50 00	6,000
Pownal.....	.....	Sup. by Methodist.	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rupert.....	June 6, 1786	Joseph Garland,	A. P.	June 21, 1818	1870	28	59	87	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	100	70	0 00	7,000
Rutland.....	Oct. 5, 1788	J. Gibson Johnson,	P.	Dec. 27, 1866	1870	147	328	475	100	29	19	48	9	16	0	25	18	6	470	500	1,323 80	40,000
Rutland West.....	Oct. 13, 1773	James K. Bourne,	P.	1859	1869	75	126	201	29	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	4	275	250	558 15	18,000
Sandgate.....	1782	Sup. by Methodist.	.....	.....	....	4	6	10	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	4,000
Sudbury.....	1791	Henry T. Rustedt,	A. P.	1841	1859	13	25	38	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	50	60	0 00	.....
Tinmouth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wallingford.....	1792	Aldace Walker,	P.	Dec. 30, 1840	1862	31	85	116	19	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	3	2	150	153	455 00	6,000
West Haven.....	1815	.....	.....	.....	....	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	.....	.....	20 00	.....
28		12 Pastors, 10 A. P.				950	1927	2877	427	79	55	134	65	84	1	150	57	40	3527	3690	$5,896 58	$200,500

Ministers without charge—Harvey O. Higley, Ulric Maynard, R. G. Williams, Castleton; Stephen Williams, Clarendon; J. D. Wickham, D. D., Lewis A. Austin, Manchester; James Anderson, Cleveland, O.; J. W. Brown, Westboro, Mass.; Lucius L. Tilden, Solomon P. Giddings, Washington, D. C.

Ordained—Russell T. Hall, Pittsford, September 8, 1870; Sidney Crawford, Fairhaven, December 8, 1870.

Installed—Henry M. Holmes, Benson, June 28, 1870.—*Deceased*—Charles Walker, D. D., Binghamton, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1870; Richard C. Hand, Brooklyn, N. Y., July 28, 1870; Frederick Hicks, Bennington, Feb. 24, 1871.

Register of Conference—Rev. P. S. Pratt. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday in June.

10. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Connect'd	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congregr.	Benev'nt Contrib	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Barre	Nov. 14, 1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	Mar. 19, 1845	1868	48	114	162	44	15	0	15	2	5	0	7	12	0	150	160	$228 57	.....
Berlin	Oct. 17, 1788	Edwin Seabury,	A. P.	June 1840	1870	25	56	81	28	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	145	100	.....	.....
Berlin West	Feb. 16, 1865	John F. Stone,	A. P.	Jan. 21, 1829	1864	6	12	18	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	55	96 20	.....
Duxbury	Jan. 18, 1836	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	9	12	21	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	30	65	.....	.....
Marshfield	May 18, 1826	Nelson F. Cobleigh,	.....	.....	1870	8	21	29	2	5	11	16	0	0	0	0	0	2	36	100	58 00	.....
Montpelier	July 20, 1808	Wm. H. Lord, D. D.	P.	Sept. 21, 1847	1847	161	273	434	160	3	7	10	0	4	0	4	0	4	340	400	812 00	70,000
Northfield	May 27, 1822	Wm. S. Hazen,	P.	Oct. 12, 1864	1863	42	78	120	28	7	3	10	1	1	0	2	5	6	152	125	188 43	7,000
Plainfield	Jan. 5, 1826	Horace Pratt,	A. P.	Mar. 1849	1868	12	27	39	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	65	21 00	2,000
Roxbury	Mar. 1864	Alden Ladd,	P.	Feb. 15, 1865	1863	15	36	51	5	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	50	70	0 00	3,000
Waitsfield	June 27, 1796	James H. Babbitt,	P.	Sept. 10, 1868	1868	42	84	126	25	2	1	3	3	2	1	6	1	3	150	113	191 65	8,000
Warren	.....	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterbury	July 10, 1801	Jona. Copeland,	A. P.	Nov. 14, 1843	1867	55	111	166	18	1	4	5	5	5	0	10	1	1	150	175	261 75	8,000
Worcester	Feb. 28, 1824	Amos F. Shattuck,	A. P.	June 3, 1868	1870	10	39	49	11	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	2	50	65	11 35	1,200
13		4 Pastors, 6 A. P.				433	863	1296	340	41	28	69	15	19	1	35	23	18	1388	1493	$1,868 95	$99,200

Ministers without charge—Charles S. Smith, Secretary of Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Licentiate—Nelson F. Cobleigh.

Register of Conference—Alden Ladd. *Time of meeting of Conference*—Second Tuesday in June.

11. WINDHAM CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. F. J. FAIRBANKS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Admitted. Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	Removed. De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Bapt'ms Adu't	Inf'nt	Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
Bellows Falls.....	Aug. 9, 1850	Cyrus Hamlin,	P.	Oct. 29, 1868	1868	21	42	63	14	12	4	16	0	4	0	4	8	2	100	90	$36 90	$6,000
Brattleboro West.	1770	Joseph Chandler.	P.	Apr. 23, 1846	1845	52	94	146	15	0	5	5	3	4	0	7	0	2	102	175	345 00	5,000
Brattleboro East..	July 15, 1816	Nathaniel Mighill,	P.	Sept. 29, 1864	1867	78	197	284	53	3	2	5	1	8	0	9	2	6	260	300	1,604 51	30,000
Cambridgeport ...	Apr. 16, 1868	J. C. McCollom,	P.	Mar. 23, 1869	1867	22	27	49	3	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	95	115	50 00	1,500
Dover West.....	Jan. 17, 1869	S. H. Amsden,	A. P.	June 12, 1856	1870	13	17	30	4	11	3	14	0	0	0	0	11	0	75	120	21 00	4,000
Dummerston	Aug. 18, 1779	L. G. Chase,	P.	Aug. 24, 1870	1870	32	82	114	32	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	100	115	120 11	3,000
Fayetteville	June 30, 1774	David Shurtleff,	A. P.	.....	1869	18	44	62	5	2	2	4	2	5	1	8	2	0	90	150	121 29	3,000
Grafton	June 20, 1785	Earl J. Ward,	P.	Mar. 11, 1868	1868	38	62	100	33	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	2	100	....	115 52	5,000
Guilford	1768	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	3	9	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	.....
Halifax West.....	July 24, 1778	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	5	10	15	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	.....
Jamaica	Sept. 25, 1791	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	12	22	34	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	.....
Londonderry So..	Aug. 25, 1809	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	10	13	23	....	0	0	0	8	....	....	8	0	0	0	0	0 00	600
Londonderry No..	Aug. 19, 1868	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	8	21	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	.....
Marlboro	Oct. 20, 1776	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	8	19	27	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	38	0	0 00	.....
Peru.....	Dec. 23, 1807	Asa P. Clark,	A. P.	Feb. 15, 1842	1868	33	86	119	19	4	0	4	2	5	0	7	3	3	130	140	73 00	2,800
Putney	Oct. 16, 1776	Amos Foster,	A. P.	Mar. 2, 1825	1866	26	70	96	20	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	135	150	118 98	6,000
Saxton's River....	Jan. 1, 1825	John G. Wilson,	P.	Dec. 12, 1851	1869	36	66	102	41	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	60	90	44 30	4,000
Stratton.....	Aug. 30, 1801	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	5	15	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00	.....
Townshend East..	1792	F. W. Olmstead,	A. P.	July 1848	1870	45	60	105	7	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	2	150	150	142 50	3,000
Townshend West.	Oct. 8, 1850	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	8	40	48	16	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	60	70	.....	3,000
Wardsboro.....	Mar. 9, 1843	Wm. C. Bowen,	A. P.	.....	1871	14	28	42	14	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	80	8 00	.....
Westminster E....	June 11, 1767	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	18	69	87	11	0	0	0	6	1	0	7	0	0	179	153	121 19	5,000
Westminster W...	Oct. 31, 1799	Alfred Stevens,	P.	Feb. 22, 1843	1843	53	98	151	23	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	120	130	263 00	5,000
Wilmington	July 4, 1855	A. C. Field,	A. P.	June 28, 1865	1871	27	56	83	22	15	2	17	4	5	0	9	11	2	63	....	.....	3,000
Windham	Sept. 9, 1805	Calvin Chapman,	A. P.	Dec. 8, 1842	1870	35	59	94	26	1	4	5	1	1	0	2	0	2	130	125	171 00	.....
25		8 Pastors, 8 A. P.				629	1126	1935	393	55	31	86	48	41	1	89	43	25	1984	2153	$3,381 70	$94,900

Ministers without charge—Lewis Grout, Agent American Missionary Association; J. W. Thyng, West Brattleboro.

Ordained—Levi G. Chase, Dummerston. *Dismissed*—Francis J. Fairbanks, Westminster East.

Register of Conference—Rev. F. J. Fairbanks. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Wednesday in September.

12. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM SEWALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min Com'ced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev'nt Contrib.	Estima'd Value of Church Property
						Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Lett.	Tot.	De'th	Dism	Exc.	Tot.	Ad'lt	Inf'nt				
Barnard	May 15, 1782	No report.	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Bethel	July 29, 1817	E. E. Lewis,	A. P.	.....	1838	12	27	39	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	67	$48 55	$3,500
Bridgewater	.....	No report.	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Chester	Oct. 17, 1773	John G. Hale,	A. P.	Sept. 30, 1832	1869	45	99	144	25	4	6	10	3	4	0	7	1	0	190	153	174 63	6,000
Hartford	 1785	Robert Southgate,	A. P.	.....	1871	63	118	181	28	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	7	225	225	353 95	.....
Hartford West	June 3, 1830	Bezaleel Smith,	A. P.	May 13, 1828	1871	23	36	59	15	0	0	0	1	8	0	9	0	0	50	75	71 00	400
Hartland	Sept. 6. 1799	J. Q. Bittinger,	A. P.	Oct. 25, 1860	1869	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Ludlow	Sept. 25, 1806	Philander Bates,	A. P.	Feb. 20, 1840	1871	20	53	73	12	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	90	80	22 27	4,000
Norwich	June 15, 1819	William Sewall,	P.	May 2, 1855	1865	78	140	218	42	5	0	5	8	5	0	13	2	1	220	206	450 00	8,000
Pittsfield	Sept. 17, 1803	Josiah B. Clark,	A. P.	.....	1869	28	46	74	30	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	40	60	25 00	2,000
Plymouth	Sept. 9, 1812	Thomas Baldwin,	A. P.	June 24, 1835	1845	7	13	20	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0	....	....	10 00	.....
Pomfret	Jan. 8, 1783	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	12	33	45	6	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	....	....	.....	.....
Quechee	Jan. 13, 1831	J. Clement, D. D.,	A. P.	Oct. 13, 1830	1869	9	30	39	6	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	75	80	.....	3,000
Rochester	Sept. 11, 1801	Thos. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	June 1849	1868	30	66	96	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	93	110	70 00	.....
Royalton	1777	{ C. B. Drake, D. D. { James Caldwell,	P. A. P.	Oct. 12, 1837	1868	49	83	135	47	0	1	1	5	0	0	5	0	1	55	125	97 75	.....
Royalton South	Jan. 16, 1868	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Sharon	Sept. 11, 1782	George H. White,	A. P.	Nov. 3, 1856	1870	25	50	75	5	12	6	18	2	0	0	2	10	1	100	103	105 50	4,000
Springfield	Oct. 3, 1781	L. Henry Cobb,	P.	Oct. 28, 1867	1867	120	253	373	35	10	7	17	5	1	2	8	11	3	351	334	4288 44	25,000
Stockbridge	Oct. 8, 1827	Charles W. Clark,	A. P.	Jan. 13, 1861	1871	24	50	74	12	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	91	75	38 30	6,000
Weathersfield	 1775	Joseph B. Baldwin,	A. P.	Oct. 15, 1832	1869	32	73	105	52	1	1	2	2	6	0	3	1	1	80	60	41 00	5,000
Weathersfield E	Apr. 11, 1838	Sidney Holman,	A. P.	Jan. 8, 1822	1871	9	20	29	4	0	0	0	0	7	1	8	0	0	60	70	28 55	2,000
Ascutneyville	Dec. 15, 1869	Franklin Butler,	A. P.	.....	1869	18	9	27	0	2	4	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	....	80	185 00	.....
Weston	Sept. 4, 1799	Vacant,	.....	.....	....	12	27	39	11	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	....	85	32 00	2,000
Windsor	Sept. 21, 1768	Silas P. Cook,	P.	June 24, 1869	1870	62	123	185	47	5	4	9	4	9	0	13	3	4	192	150	375 37	.....
Woodstock	Dec. 26, 1781	A. B. Dascomb,	P.	Jan. 16 1862	1857	71	146	217	12	2	3	5	5	4	0	9	0	3	146	230	1,229 12	15,000
25		5 Pastors, 16 A. P.				749	1398	2147	427	47	33	80	52	54	3	109	39	22	2176	2358	$7,646 43	$86 200

Minister without charge—E. I. Carpenter, Secretary of the Vermont Bible Society.

Deceased—Nelson Bishop. *Dismissed*—B. F. Ray.

Register of Conference—Rev. S. P. Cook, Windsor. *Time of meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday in June.

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	ANNUAL MEETING.	REGISTER.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Churches.	Church Members.		Admitted.			Removed.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.	Average Congreg.	Benev. Contrib'ns.	Estimated Value of Church Property.
						Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Exclusion.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				
Addison	2d Tuesday in June	H. F. Leavitt	6	5	14	1813	267	55	15	70	22	28	1	51	25	5	1666	1655	$2,712 77	$109,026
Caledonia	2d Tuesday in June	P. B. Fisk	7	5	14	1824	370	90	57	147	31	48	0	79	57	35	2326	2210	10,294 59	79,700
Chittenden			7	6	18	1473	242	46	37	83	20	40	2	62	29	14	1899	1985	2,939 54	207,500
Essex	2d Tuesday in June	Joshua Eaton	0	2	3	229	59	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	0	0	183	51	70 52	
Franklin & Grand Isle	1st Tuesday in June	Charles C. Torrey	5	8	14	1085	159	42	22	64	27	34	1	62	25	20	1373	1550	5,910 09	94,000
Lamoille	1st Tuesday in June	James Dougherty	2	4	9	480	98	5	5	10	11	11	0	22	2	0	587	822	425 38	17,766
Orange	1st Tuesday in June	William S. Palmer	7	7	20	1873	339	52	52	104	50	48	1	99	37	22	1978	2185	2,632 12	73,700
Orleans	2d Week in June	G. H. Bailey	7	8	18	1232	196	81	39	120	23	50	2	75	57	32	1716	1681	1,325 83	58,600
Rutland & Bennington	1st Tuesday in June	P. S. Pratt	12	10	28	2877	427	79	55	134	65	84	1	150	57	40	3327	3890	5,896 58	200,500
Washington	2d Tuesday in June	Alden Ladd	4	6	13	1296	340	41	28	69	15	19	1	35	23	18	1388	1493	1,868 95	99,200
Windham	1st Wed'day in Sept.	F. J. Fairbanks	8	8	25	1935	393	55	31	86	48	41	0	89	43	25	1984	2153	3,381 70	94,900
Windsor	1st Tuesday in June	S. P. Cook	5	15	25	2147	427	47	33	80	52	54	3	109	39	22	2176	2358	7,646 43	86,200
12			70	84	201	18264	3317	598	375	971	366	460	12	838	394	233	20603	21782	$45,104 50	$1,121,092

CONFERENCES OF CHURCHES.

CONFERENCE.	REGISTER.	TIME.
Addison.....	Rev. H. F. Leavitt.....	2d Tuesday in June.
Caledonia.....	Rev. Perrin B. Fisk.....	2d Tuesday in June.
Chittenden	Rev. George B. Safford..	2d Tuesday in June.
Essex.....	Rev. Joshua Eaton.....	2d Tuesday in June.
Franklin and Grand Isle	Rev. C. C. Torrey.....	1st Tuesday in June.
Lamoille.....	Rev. J. Dougherty, D. D.	1st Tuesday in June.
Orange.....	Rev. Wm. S. Palmer....	1st Tuesday in June.
Orleans.....	Rev. George H. Bailey...	2d Tuesday in June.
Rutland and Bennington	Rev. P. S. Pratt.....	1st Tuesday in June.
Washington....	Rev. Alden Ladd.....	2d Tuesday in June.
Windham.....	Rev. F. J. Fairbanks....	1st Wednesday in Sept.
Windsor.....	Rev. S. P. Cook.....	1st Tuesday in June.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

It was thought best not to print a list of the members of the Associations from the fact that, in respect to several of the Associations, no correct list was furnished. In some cases the names of all the ministers in the bounds of the Association were sent without regard to whether they were actual members of that Association or not.

C. S. S.

VERMONT DOMESTIC

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifty-third anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, was held at Springfield, on Wednesday, June 21, 1871.

The Society was called to order by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Julius Converse was chosen President *pro tem*, and Rev. M. L. Severance, Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

After singing, and prayer by Rev. C. C. Parker, D. D., the Rev. Isaac Jennings, Rev. Joseph Torrey and Bro. J. G. Stimson were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The following is a summary of it:

Balance on hand at the beginning of the year..	$441.09
Receipts during the year.....	11,954.77
Total.....	$12,395.86
Disbursements.....	9,928.20
Balance now on hand.....	$2,467.66

The Director's report was read by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith.

On motion of Rev. L. H. Cobb, and urged by remarks by himself and others, the report was accepted and adopted and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Nomination reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year, who were elected.

President—J. W. HICKOK, Esq.

Vice Presidents—Hon. E. P. WALTON, Hon. JOHN B. PAGE, CHARLES DANA, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. C. S. Smith.

Recording Secretary—Rev. Leonard Tenney.

Directors—Rev. H. F. Leavitt, Rev. W. H. Lord, D. D., Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., J. G. Stimson, Esq., Rev. C. E. Ferrin, Rev. Joseph Chandler, Rev. W. S. Hazen, Rev. Lewis Francis, Rev. H. C. Riggs, Rev. W. S. Palmer, Rev. L. H. Cobb, Rev. A. W. Wild.

Treasurer—C. W. Storrs, Esq.

Auditor—Hon. John A. Page.

Closing prayer by Rev. D. M. Loomis, of New York.

The Society then adjourned.

M. L. SEVERANCE,
Recording Secretary.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

Time, in his onward march, has brought us to our fifty-third anniversary. Some, who commenced the year with us, have passed beyond the influences and changes of revolving years, beyond the labors and conflicts of this militant state, to join the company of the redeemed above.

At the very beginning of the year, Rev. Asahel R. Gray, in obedience to the Master's call, laid down his armor and finished his course. For some years past he labored with the feeble churches in Orleans county. At the time of his death he was ministering to the church in Morgan. He was esteemed as a consistent, evangelical and worthy minister of our Lord.

We miss, from our annual gathering to-day, the manly and dignified form of one of the fathers, who was trained to usefulnessand the service of God, in one of our smaller churches, was a life-long friend of this society, served for nineteen years on its board of directors, was for two years its corresponding secretary, and never failed, during a ministry of about forty years in the State, to secure from the churches to which he ministered, an annual collection for Domestic Missions.

Dr. Charles Walker, ripe in years—ripe in the fruits of a long and faithful Christian ministry, has gone to his reward.

As we meet in our annual assemblies we shall no more hear the sound of his gentle voice, supplicating blessings upon our work or speaking words of counsel and encouragement; but the savor

of his life will long live in our churches, and he will be remembered by us as a noble Christian minister of the olden time, whose well-rounded Christian character won for him the respect and love of all who knew him.

As our year closes, the tidings come to us of the death of Dea. FREEMAN KEYES, a child of one of the feeblest churches in the State — a donation from that church to bless and enrich the church in Newbury. His life was worthy of his missionary training. He was an earnest Christian and a warm friend of the feeble churches. He used the office of a deacon well, and purchased for himself a good degree. May our missionary churches train up and furnish to the world many such men!

TREASURY.

The total receipts of the year, including $441.09 which were in the treasury at its beginning, have been $12,395.86. This is nearly $3,000 more than were reported the year previous. While there has been a very commendable increase in the amount of donations and collections from churches, the principal increase has been from two sources. First, a thousand dollars which appears in the footings this year, consists of a donation and legacy which was intended for last year's account, but was received too late to appear in the report. Second, the amount received from legacies, a part of which came in just at the close of the year, is unusually large, and, though it appears as a balance in the treasury, yet the most of it, by the conditions of the legacy, is to be added to the permanent funds of the society, and, therefore, is not available for current expenses.

There has been received from Cent Societies about the same as last year, viz: — $524.52.

For the Itinerant work there has been received in donations and legacies, including the thousand dollars intended for the previous year, the sum of $2,426.78. The cost of prosecuting this department has been $2,354.09, towards which the intinerant fields have contributed $1,159.05.

There has been acknowledged in the Home Missionary, as received into the treasury of the parent society during the year from Vermont, $1,716.57; making the total gifts for the home missionary work from the State during the year, $14,112.42.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields, occupied during the year in the Ordinary and Itinerant departments, with brief notices of each.

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

Number.	Churches.	Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Length of Com	Aid pledged.	Mos. of labor performed.	Hopeful convs	Add'd Profess.	Add'd Letter.	Remov'd Dismiss.	Remov'd Deaths.	Remov'd Excomm.	Resid. Memb.	Male Resid.	Non-Resid.	Av'l Congreg'n	No. in Sab.Sch.	Contributions. Home Missions.	Contributions. Other Objects.
1	Albany	John P. Demeritt	Jan. 1, 1870	12	$200 00	7	..	7	6	2	0	0	40	18	2	81	70	.....	$11 00
2	Arlington and Sunderland.	Charles Redfield	June 1, 1870	12	200 00	12	0	1	1	0	1	0	36	9	13	70	65	$19 00	.....
3	Berkshire East	Elias W. Hatch	June 1, 1870	12	100 00	12	4	2	1	3	0	0	42	17	6	70	111	13 50	64 75
4	Berlin West	John F. Stone	June 1, 1870	12	100 00	12	0	4	0	0	0	0	18	5	1	55	85	34 50	61 70
5	Bethel	Everett E. Lewis	June 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	8	15	67	78	17 50	40 00
6	Brownington	Israel T. Otis	July 10, 1870	12	150 00	12	1	1	0	2	2	0	58	20	8	90	60	10 00	50 00
7	Burke East	Joseph Underwood	June 1, 1870	12	100 00	12	2	2	2	4	0	0	42	17	13	50	40	10 00	15 00
8	Cambridgeport	Julius C. McCollom	June 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	2	2	3	0	0	0	43	20	3	110	95	7 23	30 27
9	Charleston West,	Alexander C. Childs	June 1, 1870	12	200 00	12	7	3	5	1	1	0	58	17	8	100	112	50 00	200 43
10	Colchester	Charles M. Seaton	Jan. 1, 1871	12	150 00	12	4	0	0	6	1	0	48	7	14	65	63	20 00	49 85
11	Danby	James P. Stone	Nov. 1, 1871	12	200 00	12	6	5	3	0	1	0	18	5	4	60	90	7 00	37 00
12	Dover West	S. H. Amsden	May 8, 1871	12	200 00	12	10	11	3	0	0	0	25	11	5	120	80	10 00	21 00
13	Gaysville	Charles H Riggs	Jan. 15, 1870	12	100 00	5	2	2	0	3	1	0	57	19	16	100	90	12 70	31 15
		Charles Clark	April 1, 1871	12	125 00	2													
14	Glover	Sidney K. B. Perkins	Aug. 15, 1870	12	100 00	12	4	3	0	2	1	0	61	19	18	140	200	60 60	17 69
15	Granby & Victory	Joshua Eaton	June 1, 1870	12	175 00	12	0	1	1	1	0	0	40	18	5	51	63	14 00	56 52
16	Highgate	Elam J. Comings	June 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	5	4	2	3	3	0	51	16	25	115	125	12 00	45 00
17	Holland	Timothy E. Ranney	June 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	2	1	1	2	1	0	7	2	7	40	50	10 00	12 50
18	Hubbardton	Calvin Granger	Sept 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	0	2	1	0	0	0	50	19	3	75	80	37 50	109 01
19	Hydepark	John G. Bailey	June 1, 1870	12	200 00	12	2	2	1	1	0	0	25	7	5	75	70	21 00	.....
20	Londonderry	Daniel Goodhue	April 1, 1871	12	200 00	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	7	6	100	75	6 00	.....
21	Lowell	Azro A. Smith	April 1, 1870	12	200 00	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
		Frederick B. Phelps	July 1, 1870	9	.....	9	3	4	2	1	1	0	49	20	3	90	120	10 00	15 00

22	Ludlow	Henry A. Duboc	Nov. 1,	1870	12	200	00	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
		Philander Bates	Jan. 1,	1871	5	.....		5	0	0	0	5	3	0	61	16	12	80	90	16	00	11	27
23	Marshfield	Nelson F. Cobleigh	May 23,	1871	12	200	00	1	2	5	11	0	0	0	29	8	2	102	40	0	00	0	00
24	Middletown	Osborn Myrick	Nov. 1,	1870	12	125	00	12	1	4	1	0	2	0	34	12	17	125	146	13	00	82	00
25	Morrisville	Vitellus M. Hardy	Sept. 1,	1870	12	100	00	9	2	0	0	1	3	0	72	20	19	130	125	21	00	32	00
26	Newbury West	Robert D. Miller	Mar. 1,	1871	12	200	00	12	0	1	5	2	0	1	42	13	4	125	125	8	00	51	52
27	Pittsfield	Josiah B. Clark	April 1,	1871	12	100	00	12	0	0	0	1	3	0	44	15	30	60	52	25	00	0	00
28	Plainfield	Horace Pratt	Nov. 1,	1870	12	200	00	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	9	5	65	50	21	00	6	00
29	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent	June 1,	1870	12	200	00	12	2	3	0	3	1	0	43	17	19	45	45	20	00	48	00
30	Roxbury	Alden Ladd	Oct. 1,	1870	12	200	00	12	0	2	2	0	1	0	48	15	7	65	40	0	00	0	00
31	Royalton South	Stephen F. Drew	May 25,	1871	12	200	00	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	11	4	85	60	0	00	0	00
32	St. Albans Bay	E. Hungerford and J. E. Goodrich	Feb. 15,	1870	12	150	00	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	11	14	75	40	10	00	0	00
		D. B. Bradford	Feb. 25,	1871	12	200	00	4															
33	Sudbury	Henry F. Rustedt	Sept. 1,	1870	12	200	00	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	30	10	6	85	50	20	00	0	00
34	Troy	Daniel Goodhue	May 1,	1870	12	100	00	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	3	2	5	50	0	00	0	00
35	Troy North	David Connell	Dec. 1,	1870	12	200	00	12	0	0	2	0	2	0	42	15	9	100	60	16	00	0	00
36	Tunbridge	Ozias S. Morris	Aug. 1,	1870	12	150	00	12	9	7	0	0	0	0	39	14	6	100	80	7	50	200	00
37	Weathersfield Bow	P. Wallingford	Mar. 1,	1870	12	90	00	9	1	0	0	6	0	1	24	7	8	70	60	8	70	17	83
		Sidney Holman	Mar. 1,	1871	12	200	00	3															
38	Whiting	Harvey F. Leavitt	Jan. 1,	1871	12	100	00	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	50	...	.....		.....	
39	Wolcott	Horace Herrick	April 1,	1870	12	150	00	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	13	17	75	65	0	00	2	00
40	Worcester	Amos F. Shattuck	Aug. 1,	1870	12	200	00	10	3	2	0	0	1	0	35	9	12	75	56	18	67	0	00

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. Rev. J. P. Demeritt left at the close of his second year, January first. Since then the church has not been regularly supplied with preaching nor in a very harmonious state. They have, however, the hope of soon obtaining another minister.

2. ARLINGTON AND SUNDERLAND. This church has held on its way with little change. The society is burdened with a debt of $1,000, incurred when the parsonage was purchased. Persistent efforts should be made every year to reduce the amount until it is entirely extinguished.

3. BERKSHIRE EAST. The missionary writes, "The general prosperity here is as good as it has been during the past five years. Something of a revival season was enjoyed last winter, and several persons have expressed a hope in Christ, two uniting with us. We celebrated our fiftieth anniversary last July with appropriate exercises."

4. BERLIN WEST. This church has taken a step forward. They have purchased the claim of the Methodists to the Union House, and propose to sustain preaching through the year. Four have been received on profession of faith.

5. BETHEL. Heavy losses have been experienced by this church during the past two years, pecuniarily and in the removal of efficient members. The Rev E. E. Lewis, who has ministered to them with great acceptance for three years, has closed his labors with them. They have manfully met their trials, raised a subscription for preaching another year, and are earnestly looking for a pastor.

6. BROWNINGTON. The light of this church has shone from Brownington heights for more than sixty years. The building of railroads and of villages in the neighboring valleys, has diverted population and business from the ancient center. Perhaps eventually the ark of the Lord will have to be removed to where the people center, but for the present the church dispenses blessing from her time-honored seat of usefulness and power.

7. BURKE EAST. Rev. Joseph Underwood has ministered to this church during the year. He expresses a deep interest in a large class of young people growing up there, and his conviction

of the importance of sustaining the Congregational church in that community. One young man — a member of the church — is preparing for the ministry.

8. CAMBRIDGEPORT. The missionary writes, "The past year has been one of progress. Five have been added to our membership—one a young man whom I hope some day to see a minister of the gospel. Congregationalism seems to be better understood by the people, and the church itself has a stronger hold on the hearts of its members." A valuable addition has been made to the Sabbath School library.

9. CHARLESTON WEST. The pastor writes, "The year has been one of slow, but it is believed real progress. The week of prayer was observed as usual, and for three weeks following meetings were held every evening. The church during this time—many of its members,—rose to a higher degree of devotion, and some of them still retain the position then gained. We counted at the time on some hopeful conversions, and our hopes are in part realized." Eighty dollars have been paid toward enlarging the Sabbath School library. Funds are being raised to repair the church and parsonage.

10. COLCHESTER. There seems to have been a slight gain here. Four hopeful conversions have been reported. One young man is in a course of preparation for the Christian ministry.

11. DANBY. This infant church has been called to meet, not only opposition from without, but also a want of perfect harmony within. They have however enjoyed some measure of spiritual blessing during the year, and rejoiced over the conversion of a few souls. Three invividuals have built a house, intended for the use of the minister, which it is hoped will help to give permanence to the ministerial relation among them. By keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and by continued, self-denying efforts, they may hope to increase with the increase of God.

12. DOVER WEST. During the fall and winter a season of refreshing was enjoyed by the church, and several were hopefully converted. The present state of feeling inspires hope in the missionary of rich blessings still to come. The new parsonage is almost ready to be occupied.

13. GAYSVILLE. Rev. Charles H. Riggs left before the close of his year, by reason of ill-health. The church has fortunately obtained, as a successor, Rev. Charles Clark. Their prospects are hopeful.

14. GLOVER. This church is making efforts to relieve the missionary society from the payment of very much toward the sup-

port of their minister. Last year they asked for but $100, and made a contribution of $60.60 to our treasury. We hope to see them soon self-sustaining ; though such societies are constantly liable to lose by emigration, so that we cannot calculate with any great certainty what their condition and ability may be a year or two hence. Forty dollars have been raised for the Sabbath School library in West Glover. Two young men are preparing for the ministry.

15. GRANBY AND GLOVER. A small church, accommodating the people in two sparsely settled towns. The health of the missionary has not been good, but he has been able to preach regularly. He says that "The larger proportion of the whole population are in the habit of attending church, some of the time at least, on the Sabbath. No intoxicating drinks are sold here."

16. HIGHGATE. The missionary writes, "The prospects of the church's soon becoming self-sustaining have been somewhat diminished the last year by the decease, and removals to other churches, of substantial members. But our Sabbath assemblies and Sunday Schools are well sustained, and look hopeful. We have purchased an excellent Cabinet Organ at a cost of $200.00, and everybody feels the richer for it. We have raised fifty dollars to provide books and papers for the Sabbath School. Two of our young men are in a course of education that with increased efficiency they may serve the Master."

17. HOLLAND. The reports from this field have not, for several years, been very hopeful. The church and congregation are very small, and seem rather to decrease. We have continued to render them aid, with the hope and prayer that He, who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks, would in mercy visit this little flock and increase strength to them that have no might.

18. HUBBARDTON. The religious interest, which raised such high expectations more than a year since, disappointed the hopes of many. The church at present does not seem to be in as harmonious and growing a state as was the case during the two previous years.

19. HYDEPARK. The time seems to have come for this church to arise and build its first house of worship. Weak, as it is, it will require great effort, self-denial, and careful management. The pastor, who has labored with them from their very beginning as a church, and who has shared all their hopes, fears and trials, writes, "Dark clouds overshadow us at times, and all that has been done seems about to be lost; but we have a more hopeful prospect

now. A site for our new church has been bought and paid for, and all are well pleased with the location. Two thousand dollars have been raised toward building a house, and we expect to swell it to $2500.00. We do not expect to complete it before another year."

20. LONDONDERRY. This church has been without the ministry of the word most of the past year. They have now secured the services of Rev. D. Goodhue, and with the removal of some disturbing causes, have the prospect of a favorable year.

21. LOWELL. This church has experienced a great loss in the dismission by reason of ill-health, of Rev. A. A. Smith, their pastor who had labored with them with great fidelity for several years. They have, however, been most highly favored of God in securing immediately another pastor, in whom they are united. He has received most gratifying tokens of good will from his people, and the blessing of the Lord has attended his labors.

22. LUDLOW. Mr. H. A. Duboc left in November, when his year closed. The church has since hired Rev. P. Bates, in whom they are well united, and their prospects are hopeful.

23. MARSHFIELD. This church was, near the close of the year, transferred from the Itinerant to the Ordinary department. For further notice, see under Itinerant Fields.

24. MIDDLETOWN. The missionary writes, "Repairs have been made on the church and parsonage. During the summer months we have large accessions to our congregations from the visitors at the mineral springs; but thus far we have derived little strength, pecuniarily or otherwise, from this addition. There are, however, many hopeful indications of prosperity."

25. MORRISVILLE. After a destitution of some months this church obtained a minister in September. He writes: "For 'events'--we have the introduction of new books of worship in which the congregation join; the adoption of uniform lessons in the Sabbath School; increase of library books, to the amount of $60,00; and talk of a vestry, which may succeed. There has been a good interest in public worship, and an increase in congregation and Sabbath School of about one half the number we had at first."

26. NEWBURY WEST. The comfort and convenience of the missionary and his family have been increased, by repairs on the parsonage. There has been an improvement in friendly feeling among Christians of different denominations. The formation of an Ecclesiastical Society, joined by quite a number of young men, is a hopeful sign.

27. PITTSFIELD. The missionary preached in Sherburne one fourth of the time for nine months. The church has lost in members and pecuniary ability by the death of three worthy members.

28. PLAINFIELD. This little church have found it very difficult to sustain preaching. Last Spring they let their minister go, and since then have been unsupplied. We trust they will soon recover from their present discouragements, and by an earnest and united effort supply themselves again with gospel ordinances.

29. RIPTON. This little mountain church has gathered three into its fold during the year, but has parted with four to strengthen other churches. One of those dismissed has just been ordained as pastor of a church in Indiana. Deaths and removals tell sadly upon the strength of this little flock. Unless greatly strengthened, we fear that they will not be able long to retain their under shepherd.

30. ROXBURY. This church, with its pastor, have arisen, amidst opposition and discouragement, and are actively at work building a house of worship. The Lord raised them up kind friends who have generously aided them with means to carry forward their enterprise. They hope in a few months to have a house where they can worship God with none to molest them.

31. ROYALTON SOUTH. Preaching has been maintained through the year, with the exception of a few Sabbaths. The church, though disappointed for many months in trying to secure a permanent minister, relaxed none of their efforts, and finally succeeded in obtaining the services of Rev. S. F. Drew, in whom they are happily united.

32. ST. ALBANS BAY. After several years of apparent lifelessness, this church again appears upon our roll. Through the sympathy and efforts of the first Church in St. Albans and its pastor, they were encouraged to make an effort to live. Mr. Hungerford and Rev. J. E. Goodrich of Burlington preached for them during the first months of the year, till they hired Rev. D. B. Bradford, who is now their stated minister. The church building and grounds are being improved, and everything is assuming the appearance of order and permanence.

33. SUDBURY. The seed has been sowed through the year at the center and at out-stations. The missionary received a generous present, from Summer visitors, of a horse and carriage, which enables him to perform his parish work with greater comfort.

34. TROY. A large number of Christian families have moved into and from this parish within the last ten years. At times their

prospects have seemed very hopeful, at present the church are very few. Rev. D. Goodhue, who has preached to them for two years past, one half of the time, left them about the first of April. It is still to be hoped that by uniting with Westfield they may have preaching half of the time.

35. NORTH TROY. This is a large parish, near to Canada, where irreligious influences are strong. Faithful, self-denying, and long-continued labor is necessary in such a field. The missionary writes, "There is here indeed a great harvest to be gathered. Although the night may seem long and many discouragements may arise, I cannot but hope that the day is near and will soon break." The parsonage, which was secured last year, one half of which was the generous gift of one man, has been of great advantage to the church, and we doubt not will help to give permanency to the ministry there.

36. TUNBRIDGE. Several hopeful conversions have cheered the hearts of those who have watched for souls. This church is the only one in the village, and ought to cultivate faithfully the ground God has assigned to them.

37. WEATHERSFIELD BOW. Mr. Wallingford closed his labors with this church in February. Rev. Mr. Holman commenced his labors the 1st of March.

38. WHITING. Rev. H. F. Leavitt has been preaching to this church, which for seven years has been numbered with the dead, one half of the time since January last.

39. WOLCOTT. The report from this church is very brief, and contains little that is encouraging.

40. WORCESTER. Very little change has taken place in this church for several years. They have sustained preaching nearly through the year, and with some signs of the Spirit's presence and power.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

	FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGUN.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses.	Amounts Paid. By the people.	Amounts Paid. By the society.	Amounts Paid. Total.	Average Congreg'n.	No. in Sab. School.
1.	ATHENS								65	25
	P. B. Murry	May 24, 1870	13	$8 00	$6 00	$53 00	$77 00	$110 00	...	...
	Roswell Chapin	May 21, 1871	2	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
2.	BRAINTREE								70	55
	W. J. Chalmers	May 12, 1870	13	8 00	15 25	25 00	118 25	133 25	...	...
	W. D. Hart	May 28, 1871	1	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
3.	BRAINTREE EAST								160	80
	A. T. Read	May 21, 1871	2	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
4.	BRIDGEWATER								90	30
	Matthew Julian	May 12, 1870	13	8 00	15 75	17 68	102 75	119 75	...	...
	Wm. H. Woodwell	March 24, 1871	5	8 00	6 40	7 00	39 40	46 40	...	...
	John Thomas	May 28, 1871	1	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
5.	BRISTOL								71	50
	W. G. Marts	May 26, 1870	13	8 00	9 00	70 00	59 00	129 00	...	...
6.	CANAAN								50	30
	L. M. Foster	June 4, 1870	12	8 00	11 44	23 00	84 44	107 44	...	...
	W. E. Safford	May 21, 1871	2	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
7.	CALAIS EAST								90	40
	N. F. Cobleigh	June 1, 1870	25	10 46	.....	112 50	150 00	262 50	...	...
8.	DOVER CENTER								60	25
	Rev. A. Chandler	April 15, 1871	8	8 00	.....	40 00	24 00	64 00	...	...
9.	DUXBURY								80	45
	C. S. Newhall	May 13, 1870	9	8 00	9 70	75 00	6 70	81 70	...	...
10.	GUILDHALL								80	45
	T. P. Pruden	May 28, 1871	1	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
11.	HYDEPARK NORTH								70	50
	John K. Browne	July 9, 1870	5	8 00	50	20 00	20 50	40 50	...	...
	Q. L. Dowd	May 21, 1871	2	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
12.	MARSHFIELD								95	45
	N. F. Cobleigh	June 1, 1870	25	10 46	.....	212 50	50 00	262 50	...	...
13	ORANGE								70	40
	J. Henry House	May 19, 1870	10	8 00	18 55	104 00	11 55	115 55	...	...
	G. W. Christie	May 21, 1871	2	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
14.	POMFRET								105	55
	H. H. Hamilton	May 28, 1870	11	8 00	11 67	25 00	74 67	99 67	...	...
15.	RUTLAND WEST								50	...
	Rev. Gust. A. Pehrson	Aug. 12, 1870	16	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	...	...
16.	STRATTON								86	50
	A. B. Emmons	May 29, 1870	13	8 00	8 00	20 00	92 00	112 00	.....	
	F. S. Fitch	May 24, 1871	1	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
17.	SIMONSVILLE								65	25
	Geo. L. Beach	May 29, 1871	1	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
18.	TOPSHAM WEST								100	50
	E. W. Miller	May 28, 1870	14	8 00	9 35	84 00	37 35	121 35	...	...
	Edward C. Hood	Sept. 4, 1870	38	8 00	.....	229 00	75 00	304 00	...	...
19.	VERSHIRE								50	30
	Austin H. Norris	May 27, 1870	15	8 00	8 75	50 00	78 75	128 75	...	...
20.	WATERVILLE								140	125
	John. K. Browne	July 9, 1870	5	8 00	10 00	50 00	.....	50 00	...	...
	Q. L. Dowd	May 21, 1871	2	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
21.	WESTON								80	55
	Arthur H. Adams	May 24, 1871	2	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
22.	WHITEHALL EAST								50	25
	Henry Whitehead	May 21, 1871	2	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. ATHENS. This field embraces about thirty families, including a few Christians of different denominations. They are not easily accommodated with religious privileges elsewhere, and are not united enough to sustain preaching by themselves through the year. The meetings were well attended last summer, and more than usual religious interest was manifest.

2. BRAINTREE. There has been little change in the condition of this little church. They have had meetings several weeks, when not supplied by students, and have kept up the Sabbath School through the year.

3. BRAINTREE EAST. This is a field that we never have occupied before. A student preaches part of the time in West Brookfield. There has been, in these communities, no evangelical preaching for some years. The missionary has been heartily welcomed. The people board him and pay five dollars a week toward his support. Considerable religious interest exists there at present.

4. BRIDGEWATER. A student labored here for about four months last season. Another commenced in March this year, and was followed by another in May. The removal of a family, that has always helped sustain Christian institutions, has weakened the hands of the few remaining Christians.

5. BRISTOL. A student was sent to this church with the hope of giving them a forward impulse, but we fear without any favorable results. They are still content to live without a minister and with a closed sanctuary, and we fear that they will thus induce a weakness that will in the end compel them to live so.

6. CANAAN. As there is no Congregational church in this town, those who, under the labors of the missionaries, have been renewed or quickened, have united with the Congregational church in Colebrook, N. H., which is nearer them than any other.

7. CALAIS EAST. Rev. N. F. Cobleigh supplied this field half of the time for the year. The attendance upon public worship and the interest in prayer meetings has been encouraging. The people have raised $200 toward meeting the expenses of sustaining preaching. The village is increasing in size, and there seems to be an increased desire for evangelical preaching. Arrangements have been made to supply them with religious privileges every Sabbath through the present summer.

8. Dover Center. This hill is the ancient site of a Congregational church, now gone to decay. Rev. A Chandler found ready access to the people, and felt that there was good encouragement to labor among them.

9. Duxbury. This church has met with a great loss in the death of Dea. Earl Ward. They were supplied by a student last summer, and contributed liberally toward his support. It is understood that the present summer they are to have Methodist preaching.

10. Guildhall. This church became sadly discouraged by losing their pastor, and by a debt incurred in building a parsonage. After being without preaching for many months, they concluded to begin again by employing a student for the summer. It is hoped that they will then be ready to secure a more permanent laborer.

11. Hydepark North. The same missionary who preaches here also preaches half of the time at Waterville. The church has allowed the Methodists to occupy their meeting-house half of the time, so that they have enjoyed some religious privileges when unsupplied with an itinerant laborer.

12. Marshfield. It has been a year of labor, of blessing and of prosperity to this little church. They have had a minister to dwell with and go in and out among them. Having no other place of worship except a school-house, they have entered upon the work of erecting a house of worship. The Lord has given them favor among the churches so that they have received generous aid from the friends of Christ. They have the prospect of soon worshiping God in their own house of prayer, and of having preaching every Sabbath, and that too from a pastor to be set over them in the Lord. Their membership has been more than doubled. They have been transferred to the Ordinary Department.

13. Orange. No preaching has been enjoyed during the year in this field except by itinerant missionaries. If the people properly prized the institutions of the gospel, they might easily be supplied with preaching through the year. We look forward to the time when this will come to pass.

14. Pomfret. A student spent last summer in preaching to this church. They have had no continuous preaching since Rev. C. Duren left them. They are however hoping to secure a minister soon.

15. Rutland West. In the marble quarries in West Rutland quite a number of Swedes are employed. Some of these are Chris-

tian people and have families. They greatly desire religious privileges. We have assisted them in employing, one or two Sabbaths a month, Rev. Gust. A. Pehrsson to preach to them in their own language. He has visited them at their houses, conversed with them on personal religion and distributed among them Bibles and religious books in the Swedish language. The missionary says, "I have preached to them forty-eight times during the year and held eighteen prayer meetings, baptized six children, visited the sick and every family several times, and talked to them about Jesus, who is ready to save them if they will turn to Him by faith and prayer. I have sowed the good seed, the word of God, amongst my countrymen, and hope and believe it has not been sowed in vain. The number of families in my society is seventeen ; number of young men and women seventy-one ; number of children twenty-four ; making the whole number of Scandinavians one hundred and twelve. Many more are expected this summer." The missionary expresses the confident hope that several of his congregation have been converted.

16. STRATTON. There are some faithful members in this little church, by whose faith, prayers and labors it lives and is a power in the town. The missionary there last summer reported considerable religious interest, and one addition to the church. There is no other preaching in the town.

17. SIMONSVILLE. Last summer the way seemed to be closed so that no missionary was sent to this field. We are, however, occupying it again this year, and hope the Lord will bless our efforts to the salvation of other souls.

18. TOPSHAM WEST. We have no church organization here. But the citizens of all denominations desired a Congregational minister for a year. They were provided with the labors of two students whose services were most acceptable. The year has been one of harmony and we trust of profit to all.

19. VERSHIRE. This church has a resident membership of about forty,—a number large enough, if they were of one heart and one mind, to move steadily forward in the support of religious institutions. But by reason of divisions, and long neglect of religious ordinances, they are without strength, courage or hope. They were written to this year about having preaching again, but no response came back.

20. WATERVILLE. This church has held on its way wonderfully, considering how few male members it has had for some years past. Preaching is greatly prized, and the attendance on public worship is large. No church lives thus without prayer and faith

on the part of some one. They have a missionary this summer whose labors are divided between this church and North Hyde-park.

21. WESTON has been without preaching most of the time for two years. A student is supplying them temporarily, till they can get a permanent supply. Through the sympathy of neighboring churches, they have been stimulated to new efforts and inspired with new hopes.

22. WHITEHALL EAST. We are assisting this church during the present season in sustaining the ordinances of God's house. A goodly number have been raised up here who have gone forth to serve the Master elsewhere, but the remaining members are few.

SUMMARY.

WORK AND FRUITS.

Seventy-four missionaries have been employed the past year. Of these forty-four belonged to the Ordinary and thirty to the Itinerant department. They have labored in fifty different fields. Seventy-eight hopeful conversions have been reported. Eighty-five have been admitted to church fellowship by profession of faith, and fifty-three by letter. The losses by deaths, dismissions and exclusions have been eighty-two, leaving a net gain of fifty-six members.

In eleven churches there have been no additions. In ten there has been an actual loss of thirty-nine members—thirty of them by dismission—making the weak weaker and, perhaps, adding strength to the strong.

The fruits of the year in conversions and additions to the churches have been less than for several years past. The church in West Dover seems to have been most highly blessed with the Spirit's presence and converting power, reporting ten hopeful conversions and an addition of fourteen to its membership.

Eight churches have been called to part with their ministers. Four of these have secured others, and four, that had no ministers when the year commenced, are now supplied.

CHURCH BUILDING.

Three of our smaller churches, which received their upward impulse through our itinerant work, viz., Roxbury, Marshfield and Hydepark, are making great efforts to erect their first houses of worship ; a step that in each case seemed to be a necessity for them to take if they would continue to live and grow. The two former—Roxbury and Marshfield—have received most encouraging tokens of sympathy and material aid from some generous-hearted individuals in the State, as the result of which they will doubtless complete their houses early this season. The little church in Hydepark needs the same generous consideration. We heartily commend her to those who love to bear the burdens of the weak, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

ITINERANT FIELDS.

West Topsham, Marshfield and East Calais have been supplied through the year with preaching by the Itinerant department.

Itinerant laborers are now employed in Canaan, East Calais, Orange, Braintree, East Braintree and West Brookfield, Bridgewater, Weston, Athens, Stratton, Guildhall, North Hydepark, Waterville, and Simonsville.

In West Rutland, there is a population of 112 Swedes, old and young, who work in the marble quarries. Quite a number of them are members of the church. They are all very poor. We have assisted them in securing a minister during a part of the year to preach to them in their own language. He reports a religious awakening among them and some hopeful conversions.

COMMUNITIES AS RELATED TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The churches and communities in the State, as related to the missionary work, may be divided into *three* classes.

The *first* class includes all the

SELF-SUSTAINING CHURCHES.

There are about 114 of them. They draw nothing from our treasury, but are the fountains from which it draws most of its supplies. Without their generous co-operation our whole work must languish and die. While some of them are generous in their offerings and can be relied upon every year to do their part, yet, on an average, nearly one tenth of this class, from various causes, fail to make an annual contribution for this object. In some cases this results from the unsettling influences of losing a minister ; in others the building or repairing of a church or parsonage is allowed to interfere with collections for all benevolent objects. In other

cases still, the failure is due to a want of any system or fixed purpose to contribute at a specific time for specific objects. The whole matter is left to circumstances. Neither minister nor people have any settled plan or time for making an offering of their substance to the service of God. They seldom move themselves in the matter till moved upon by agencies from without, and in some cases their inertia is superior to all outside influences. As the giving of our substance to the Lord, for the building up of His kingdom, is just as manifest a duty as prayer, or keeping the Sabbath, it is not easy to reconcile such neglect with their obligations to Christ.

SYMPATHY DUE FROM THE STRONG CHURCHES.

But have these stronger churches done all their home missionary work when they have cast their contributions into the treasury? Not a few seem to think so. Is there no way by which they may, and should come into closer contact with the feebler — the very feeblest and most destitute churches — impart to them some moral strength and, taking them by the hand, lead them to feel that they are their brethren in Christ and that their *heart* beats in sympathy with them?

The feebler churches and needy neighborhoods are distributed all over the State, in every county. Some of them, which are destitute of preaching most of the year, are near neighbors to strong churches; yet too often is it that from one year's end to another they receive no friendly call, or recognition, or cup of cold water in the name of Christ, from any of their more favored sisters. When one member of our families is feeble all the other members ministers to her wants, and that too though the feebleness continues through many years. We are careful not only to supply her bodily wants, but to surround her with pleasant influences, and speak words of good cheer, so that if possible we may win back health, inspire hope and brighten her pathway. Should not the stronger churches of the family of Christ be equally thoughtful of, and as lovingly attentive to their feeble sisters, showing a tender solicitude for their spiritual health, and the lengthening of their days? We cannot estimate the good that would result from continued fraternal effort, on the part of the strong churches, to seek out and encourage their weak neighbors. We are glad from time to time to see attempts of this kind made.

The church at St. Albans Bay, which had not for some years attempted to sustain public worship, was two years ago visited again and again by the pastor and members of the first church in St. Albans. Religious services were resumed and various supplies secured for them through last year. As a consequence of the sympathy shown them the church have secured a minister, and are now hoping for continued life and usefulness.

The religious movement at Lyndonville which resulted in the formation of a self-sustaining church there was encouraged and fostered by the active sympathy and personal presence of the representatives from the churches in Caledonia county.

The personal interest taken by the pastor of the church in Cabot in the little church in Marshfield, and the inspiring influence received from visits made them, by persons from the churches in Caledonia and Washington counties, were prominent agencies in awakening them to new life.

The work done by the pastor of the church, with which we meet to-day, in arranging with the churches in this county to supply with a Sabbath's preaching, through the winter and spring, the church in Weston, has been attended with hopeful results in encouraging them to re-open their house for worship.

The work undertaken, early last spring, by some of the members of the church in Woodstock, in going to Bridgewater to hold religious meetings, was just the kind of work that was needed, and it is to be hoped that, when the itinerent missionary in Bridgewater has closed his labors, the church in Woodstock will renew their efforts, and, if need be, adopt Bridgewater into their own parish, and become responsible for its religious culture, for at least a part of each year.

We do not suppose that, by such effort, every feeble church will be materially strengthened, though we have no doubt that some — one here, and one there — will be. But we insist, that such kind of Christian ministering is due, from the strong to the very weak churches, and that it will be blessed to the good of both. In some localities it can be done almost exclusively by laymen, by some of the seventy whom Christ now sends out, two by two as of old, into all the towns and villages whither He himself will go. It is true it will require some study, self-denial, labor, and perhaps bodily and mental exhaustion to ride off some miles and take the charge of a religious meeting. But these are inseparable from all work in this world, and shall we take account of them, when connected with labor for Christ and his church, while we accept them so cheerfully, in the way of our ordinary business? Shall weariness, induced by voluntary work for our Saviour, be pleaded as a sufficient reason for abandoning such work, when we readily submit to it, in matters of personal profit and pleasure? There is much missionary work, in the waste places in the State, that *can* be done, and done *only* by the neighboring stronger churches. And not until the individual churches awake to a sense of their responsibility in this matter, and go forth to hunt up the neglected, cheer the desponding, strengthen the weak and raise the fallen, can we hope for a greatly improved condition in the religious condition of our State.

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

The *second* class embraces those churches which are able, with the aid granted them by the Missionary Society, to enjoy the permanent ministrations of the word. These number about fifty-eight. They do not all receive aid in any one year. Forty of them have been on our roll the past year. Some of them have been without ministers. Others manage to support their ministers, at times, for several years in succession without assistance. The self-denials they practice, and the efforts they make to do this are worthy of all praise. All of them are liable, by the death or removal of one or two members, to be obliged to ask for aid.

Of this second class Windsor and Orleans counties have the largest number, nine each ; Windham has seven ; Orange, Rutland and Washington five each ; Bennington and Lamoille three each ; Essex two and Caledonia one. The greatest proportion of the funds received into our treasury goes to supply these churches with the continuous preaching of the gospel. They are required, by our rules, to pay 125 per cent. on their grand lists, for the support of their minister, as a condition of receiving aid. In all, but an occasional exceptional case, this rule is enforced. On an average, the aided churches pay considerable more than that amount. Some of them as high as 200 and even 300 per cent. They are also required to take an annual collection for the Home missionary work. This is done, that they may keep in mind the fact, that the Christian religion involves the *principle* and *practice* of practical benevolence. We should be very unwilling that any feeble church should feel that, because they are poor, they are absolved from all obligations to do their part in sustaining the great objects of Christian benevolence. The doing something for others is inseparable from the idea of a Christian. There is no true discipleship where there is no attempt to bless and benefit others. The poorest churches and believers are made stronger and richer, in the highest sense, by possessing and giving exercise to that benevolent spirit which prompts to the giving of property, as God has prospered them, to carry forward the kingdom of Christ.

Some of the churches which belong to this class seem to be slowly, but surely advancing to a condition of self-support. We hope that, in a few years, their names will disappear from our list as, within a brief period past, Newport and Stowe and Island Pond and Barnet and Bellows Falls have done. While, however, some increase in strength, others find their numbers and means growing less. The continued strength of the strong churches and the interest of religion in the whole country depend much upon our faithfully sustaining these feeble churches. We err if we let one

of them remain without the assurance of our sympathy and readiness to aid them in time of need.

ITINERANT FIELDS.

The *third* class referred to embraces the very smallest churches, and some communities where no church organization exists, but where there are a few families desiring Christian privileges. In these fields, no hope is entertained of continuous preaching through the year, for the reason that the professed Christians are few and poor, and receive little sympathy and aid from the community around them, in their efforts to sustain the public worship of God. These fields — many of them at least — do not appear very attractive or hopeful. They seldom press their wants upon us or ask for any help. It is easy to neglect them and to persuade ourselves that there is no practical way of reaching them, so that we are excusable for leaving them to themselves. And yet, if, in imitation of our Lord, we attempt to go through our State, as He went through Judea, Samaria and Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, we shall be sure to come across these places, and find in them souls perishing for lack of the bread of life,—many of them ready to listen to the truth, and companies of bright, intelligent children glad to come to the Sabbath School.

It is in these fields that our itinerant work is, for the most part, done, and where, in the intervals between the going and coming of the itinerant missionaries, the stronger churches in the neighborhood might, with self-denial and effort, do much effective work. We have supplied some of these communities for years with preaching, a part of the year, with, we confess, little appearance of general improvement. There have been, thanks be to God, in that time several cases of individual conversions; but the great mass of the communities are not only not gathered into the church, but are as indifferent to divine truth, and as far from God as ever.

Bridgewater is an instance of this kind. For fifteen years past itinerant missionaries have been sent there. For nearly two years at one time, they were supplied continuously. By the moving in of Christian families there have been times when there seemed to be a ground of hope for better things. But the moving away of the same families or the death of some praying souls has disappointed our hopes. As there is a village there with no preaching by any other evangelical denomination, and as a goodly number of the people will attend public worship when it is held, we have not felt that we should be justified in the sight of God in abandoning our work in that community. May it not appear in the great day that the labor and money we have expended in Bridgewater is unworthy of a thought in comparison with the priceless value of the

few souls that have there been gathered into the kingdom of our Lord? Is it nothing to carry the supports and consolations of the gospel for a part of each year to the believers that are found in such communities, confirm their faith, and help them to breast the tide of ungodliness that beats against them, may not this be just the instrumentality that God employs to keep, through faith, unto salvation, such tempted ones?

But while in some places, where our itinerant work has been performed, we have not succeeded according to our desires, in lifting up a fallen church or in reclaiming a waste place, yet in others, God has permitted us to behold great and precious fruits of our labors, as a few years ago we did in Roxbury and Guildhall and Jamaica, and, as during the past year, we have done in Marshfield. In the latter place the church was so reduced and had been so long without any meetings for public worship that the query had been raised whether the church was not extinct and should not be stricken from the roll of our churches. Through the labors of itinerant missionaries and the practical sympathy of neighboring churches, that sister church has been, as it were, raised up from the grave. The currents of life again course through her veins, the hue of health mantles her cheek, the sound of her hammer is heard as she goes forth to build the house of the Lord. Her voice of prayer and praise ascend heavenward, and clothed in the garments of salvation, she invites all to join her in the worship of the living and true God.

It should be our settled purpose, from which nothing should divert us, to make the gospel a living presence in all the needy and now destitute communities in the State. Amid the eager pursuit of wealth, the lethargy of worldliness, and the din and strife of selfish interest, we should give voice to the truth of God in every neighborhood in our State, to convince men of sin, of righteousness and judgment, and to point them to the only Saviour from sin. The gospel is needed in the destitute fields as much as anywhere. Everywhere, the poor, the broken-hearted, the sick and the dying need its consolations. The young just commencing life's perilous voyage, the strong man wrestling with temptations whose name is legion, and who are stronger than he, the old man fast approaching the confines of the life to come — how much do all need the light, and love, and power of God, which come into the soul only through the gospel, to guide and rescue them!

Shall not we, who are commissioned of God to care for the spiritual welfare of all in our own State, be more earnest and faithful in prosecuting our Home Missionary work.

FOR THE DIRECTORS.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 17, 1871.

ADDISON COUNTY.	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Female Adolescent Societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
BRIDPORT—Church and society, June 22, $18 00; June 16, $31 48	$49 48	$	$	$
BRISTOL—Church and society, Sept. 9, $3 00; Sept. 15, $50 50; Nov. 23, $17 00				70 00
CORNWALL—Church and society, Feb. 5, $44 74; June 7, Cent Society, $17 57	44 74		17 57	
MIDDLEBURY—Gentlemen, Nov. 16, $76 05; Feb. 23, Ladies, $84 85; April 5, $8 00	84 05		84 85	
NEW HAVEN—Church and society, Jan. 2, $33 05; Feb. 14, $4 00	37 00			
ORWELL—Church and society, Dec. 30	50 00			
RIPTON—Church and society, Dec. 9, $19 00; June 5, $1 00	20 00			
SHOREHAM—Church and society, May 2	25 00			
VERGENNES—Church and society, June 22, $25 10; June 29, 5 00	30 10			
BENNINGTON COUNTY.				
ARLINGTON—Sept. 9, C. R., $10 00; church and society, June 6, $19 00	29 00			
BENNINGTON—1st Church and society, June 22, $36 75; Oct. 20, $36 75; Oct. 29, $27 00	100 50			
BENNINGTON—2d Church and society, Oct. 30	47 56			
DORSET—Church and society, Nov. 7	26 20			
MANCHESTER—Church and society, Oct. 26	25 50			
PERU—Church and society, Sept. 26	12 29			
CALEDONIA COUNTY.				
BARNET—Church and society, June 22, $60 00; Sept. 8, $12 00, to constitute Rev. L. S. Watts a Life Member	72 00			
BURKE—Church and society, June 2	10 00			
HARDWICK—Church and society, March 11	80 90			
LYNDON—Church and society, July 1, $8 85; March 13, $12 28;	21 13			
PEACHAM—Church and society, May 12	17 25			
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—Church and Society, Sept. 6, $3 00; June 12, $57 00	60 00			
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Church and society, Sept. 6, $36 75; Feb. 8, $23 01; June 7, Cent Society, $24 10	59 76		24 10	
ST. JOHNSBURY—Hon. Horace Fairbanks, May 31		250 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church and society, Aug. 20, $44 40; Oct. 4, $36 52; Dec. 9, $54 65; Dec. 24, $3 30; Feb. 20, $37 26; April 15, $44 57; June 13, $41 70;	262 40			
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks, June 28, $500 00; May 31, $500 00		$1000		
ST. JOHNSBURY—E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., Dec. 12	$1000			
WATERFORD—Church and society, Jan. 25, $6 00; Jan. 2, "S. $10 00	16 00			
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.				
BURLINGTON—1st Church and society, July 9, $223 11; June 7, J. W. Hickok, Esq., $100 00	223 11	100 00		
BURLINGTON—3d Church and society, Jan. 2	78 70			
CHARLOTTE—Church and society, Jan. 21	30 00			
COLCHESTER—Church and society, June 21, $21 00; June 15, $20 00	41 00			
ESSEX—Church and society, Aug. 28	17 00			

CHITTENDEN COUNTY—*Continued.*	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Female Benevolent societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
	$	$	$	$
JERICHO—Church and society, June 23, $3 00; Feb. 19, $24 10; March 24, Cent Society, $15 00	27 10		15 00	
WESTFORD—June 22, Cent Society, $8 00; Jan. 11, Church and society, $17 00	17 00		8 00	
UNDERHILL—Church and society, June 16	23 60			
WINOOSKI—Church and society, April 13	18 00			
ESSEX COUNTY.				
CANAAN—Sept. 16				23 00
GRANBY—Church and society, June 1	14 00			
LUNENBURGH—Church and society, Jan. 4	9 15			
FRANKLIN COUNTY.				
BAKERSFIELD—Church and society, Feb. 10, $8 50; March 13, $8 50	17 00			
BERKSHIRE EAST—Church and society, June 8	13 50			
ENOSBURGH—Church and society, June 5	12 00			
FAIRFIELD—Church and society, May 30	11 50			
GEORGIA—Church and society, Jan. 3	20 00			
HIGHGATE—Church and society, May 26	12 00			
SHELDON—Church and society, June 7	16 10			
ST. ALBANS—1st Church and society, Jan. 11, $499 45; Mrs. J. G. Smith, $225 00	704 45			
ST. ALBANS BAY—Church and society, June 6	10 00			
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE—Conference Sept. 15		4 00		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.				
HYDEPARK—Church and society, June 12	22 50			
HYDEPARK NORTH—Church and society, Sept. 26				20 00
MORRISVILLE—Church and society, June 22, $14 35; March 11, $7 00, to constitute Dea. O. French a Life Member of V. D. M. S	21 35			
STOWE—Church and society, April 4, $17 48; June 16, Cent Society, $10 00	17 48		10 00	
WATERVILLE—Church and society, Sept. 26, $50 00; May 26, a friend, $5 00		5 00		50 00
LAMOILLE COUNTY CONFERENCE		3 72		
ORANGE COUNTY.				
BRADFORD—Church and society, June 24, $18 92; Oct. 21, $29 17; May 30, Cent Society, $32 20	48 09		32 20	
BROOKFIELD—2d Church and society, Jan. 11, $11 25; April 10, $10 00	21 25			
BRAINTREE—Church and society, Sept. 15				25 00
CHELSEA—Church and society, Nov. 28, $33 60; March 11, $1 50	35 10			
CORINTH—Church and society, Sept. 14, to constitute Mrs. Ruth Cook and Sarah A. Little Life Members of V. D. M. S	30 00			
NEWBURY—Church and society, April 5	50 00			
NEWBURY WEST—Church and society, March 11	8 00			
ORANGE—Aug. 18				111 00
POST MILLS—Church and society, Aug. 28, $5 10; May 8, $5 11; Cent Society, $8 32	10 21		8 32	
RANDOLPH WEST—Church and society, Oct. 20	44 00			
TOPSHAM WEST—Sept. 1, $84 00; June, $224 00				308 00
VERSHIRE—Church and society, Sept. 15				50 55
WELLS RIVER—Church and society, Jan. 4	50 00			
WILLIAMSTOWN—June 23, P. B., $4 00; Church and society, June 4, $10 36; June 8, $10 00	24 36			
ORLEANS COUNTY.				
BARTON—Church and society, June 7, $41 55; Cent Society, $19 11; to constitute Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Taylor, Life Members of the A. H. M. S	41 55		19 11	
BROWNINGTON—Church and society, May 30	12 85			
CHARLESTON WEST—Church and society, May 25, $40 00; Cent Society, $10 00	40 00		10 00	
COVENTRY—Oct. 7, Cent Society, $3 20; Church and society, March 10, $25 80	25 80		3 20	
CRAFTSBURY—Church and society, May 25, $15 10; Cent Society, $16 50	15 10		16 50	
GLOVER—Church and society, Aug. 23, $25 00; Feb. 18, $9 65; May 17, $9 50; June 6, $16 45	60 60			
GREENSBORO—Church and society, April 29	20 00			
HOLLAND—Church and society, June 8	10 00			
IRASBURGH—Church and society, June 10	8 68			
LOWELL—Church and society, June 12	10 00			
TROY NORTH—Church and society, Sept. 9, $8 00; June 6, $8 00;	16 00			

RUTLAND COUNTY.	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Female Cent societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
BENSON—Church and society, May 31	$20 00	$	$	$
BRANDON—Church and society, Nov. 29	15 09			
CASTLETON—Church and society, April 5, $69 00; Isa. N. Northrop, $30 00, to constitute himself a Life Member of the A. H. M. S	99 00			
CLARENDON—Church and society, $44 50; of which $20 00 from Dea. F. Button, to constitute Willie D. Smith a Life Member; April 12, Cent Society, $22 00	44 50		22 00	
DANBY—Church and society, June 2	7 00			
HUBBARDTON—Church and society, June 12	37 50			
MIDDLETOWN—Church and society, July 2	14 00			
PAWLET—Church and society, June 5	19 00			
PITTSFIELD—Church and society, April 7	25 00			
PITTSFORD—Church and society, Nov. 25, to constitute Miss Rachel Dunlap a Life Member	111 00			
RUTLAND—Church and society, Oct. 7, $51 00; Dec. 14, $17 88	68 88			
RUTLAND WEST—Church and society, Nov. 5	52 35			
SUDBURY—Church and society, June 14	20 00			
WALLINGFORD—Church and society, not acknowledged last year $10 00; Nov. 18, $94 32, of which from A. W. $30 00, to constitute Mrs. Wm. S. Ballou a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.; Cent Society $25 76	104 32		25 76	
WASHINGTON COUNTY.				
BARRE—Church and society, May 21	12 00			
BERLIN—Nov. 29, Dea. J. N. Perrin	2 14			
BERLIN WEST—Church and society, June 3, to constitute W. D. Chandler and Miss Lucy Dewey Life Members	34 50			
CABOT—Church and society, Feb. 12, O. Crosby	2 00			
CALAIS EAST—June 1				122 00
DUXBURY—Church and society, Aug. 2, $75; Oct. 30, $4 00; March 31, $2 00	6 00			75 00
MARSHFIELD—Church and society, June 1				222 00
MONTPELIER—June 13, Cent Society, $31 24; Church and society, June 17	152 70		31 24	
NORTHFIELD—Church and society, June 22, $11 35; April 25, $8 68; June 9, $9 12, to constitute Matthew McLearn a Life Member of A. H. M. S.; Ladies' Circle, $10 00	29 15		10 00	
PLAINFIELD—Church and society, Nov. 14	21 00			
WAITSFIELD—Church and society, Dec. 6	10 50			
WATERBURY—Church and society, Nov. 8, $22 22; May 28, $20 70	42 92			
WORCESTER—Church and society, June 1	18 67			
WINDHAM COUNTY.				
ATHENS—Aug. 25				33 00
BRATTLEBORO EAST—Church and society, Sept. 5, $213 87; March 13, Sabbath School, $21 53	235 40			
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Church and society, Sept. 5	56 50			
CAMBRIDGEPORT—Church and society, Sept. 16	7 23			
DOVER WEST—Church and society, June 2	10 00			
DUMMERSTON—Church and society, Jan. 18, $20 10; May 19, $7 30; Cent Society $22 70, to constitute Dea. Leroy Wilder and Rev. L. G. Chase Life Members	27 40		22 70	
GRAFTON—Church and society, Sept. 16	24 90			
FAYETTEVILLE—Church and society, June 22, $15 00; Jan. 18, $14 65	29 65			
JAMAICA—Church and society, Nov. 25	10 00			
LONDONDERRY—Church and society, May 30	6 00			
PUTNEY—Church and society, Sept. 5, $15 17; Jan. 18, $8 00	23 17			
SAXTON'S RIVER—Church and society, Jan. 18	5 60			
STRATTON—Church and society, Sept. 5				20 00
TOWNSHEND EAST—Church and society, Jan. 18	21 40			
TOWNSHEND—Church and society, Jan. 18	25 05			
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church and society, June 22, $35 27; Cent Society, $15 15	35 27		15 15	
WESTMINSTER EAST—Church and society, Sept. 5	18 00			
WINDHAM—Church and society, Jan. 18	23 00			
WINDSOR COUNTY.				
BETHEL—Church and society, April 26	17 50			
BRIDGEWATER—Church and society, Sept. 26, $17 00; May 8, $7 00				24 00
CHESTER—Church and society, Jan. 27, $13 50; Nov. 3, Cent Society, $30 00; to constitute Miss Lucy A. Prouty a Life Member of the A. H. M. S	13 50		30 00	
HARTFORD—Church and society, June 16	35 50			
GAYSVILLE—Church and society, Oct. 27	5 50			
LUDLOW—Church and society, June 6	16 00			

WINDSOR COUNTY—*Continued.*	For Ordinary Department	For Itinerant Department	From Permanent societies.	From Itinerant Fields.
	$	$	$	$
NORWICH—Church and society, June 6, $20 00; Cent Society, $34 00; June 2, J. G. Stimson, $100 00	70 00	50 00	34 00	25 00
POMFRET Church and society, Sept. 23	20 00			
SHARON—Church and society, Oct. 20, to constitute Dea. Simeon Nutt, Life Member	310 00			
SPRINGFIELD—Church and society, June 20	7 75			
WEATHERSFIELD BOW—Jan. 24	88 62			
WINDSOR—Church and society, Oct. 21, $81 12; Nov. 24, $7 50, to constitute Rev. Silas P. Cook and Mrs. Mary C. Cook Life Members of A. H. M. S	66 70		26 32	
WOODSTOCK—Church and society, June 24, $11 82; Aug. 10, $24 04; Oct. 4, $9 82; Dec. 5, $12 30; Feb. 8, $8 72; Cent Society, $26 32	20 00	14 78		
WESTON—Church and society, March 5				
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE—June 10				
OTHER RECEIPTS.				
June 28. Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, by Hon. Horace and Franklin Fairbanks, Administrators		500 00		
Sept. 9. Interest on U. S. Bond	3 36			
Sept. 9. Interest on State of Maine Bond	45 00			
Sept. 9. Dividend on Conn. & Pas. Rivers R. R. Stock	66 00			
Sept. 10. Interest on T. A. Murry's note	50 00			
Sept. 14. Dividend on Conn. & Pas. Rivers R. R. Stock	42 75			
Jan. 14. Estate of Mrs. Margaret F. Cobleigh, by Mr. C. Fisk, Executor	100 00			
Mar. 10. Interest on J. Bowdish's note	9 00			
May 8. Interest on H. S. Towner's note	25 73			
May 30. Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, by Messrs. Horace and Franklin Fairbanks, Administrators		500 00		
June 15. Estate of Mr. Silas C. French, by Hon. C. W. Willard, Administrator	$1100			

☞ The moneys paid to the Secretary, at the Annual Meeting at Springfield, came too late to be embraced in the above receipts, as the account for the year closed on the 18th of June. They will appear in the next annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

DEBIT.

To balance in Treasury as by last Annual Report	$441 09
To received on demands, stock and lands	241 84
To received from Itinerant fields	1,159 05
To received from Cent Societies	524 52
To received from legacies	2,200 00
To received from donations and collections of churches	7,829 36
	$12,395 86

CREDIT.

By paid for printing Annual Report and distributing same	$153 47	
By paid for printing blanks	6 50	
By paid Secretary's salary	1,200 00	
By paid Secretary's expenses	200 00	
By paid for stationery and postage	28 37	
By paid American Home Missionary Society	225 00	
By paid order of Secretary on Ordinary Department	8,114 86	
By balance in hands of Treasurer on settlement this day	2,467 66	
		$12,395 56

C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer.*

Montpelier, June 17, 1871.

MONTPELIER, June 17, 1871.

I have examined the foregoing accounts, and compared the same with vouchers presented, and find them correct;—the Treasurer having charged himself with balance on hand in June, 1870, to wit: $441 09
And with receipts during the year 11,954 77

Making a total of $12,395 86
And credited himself with disbursements to the amount of 9,928 20

Leaving on hand to be hereafter accounted for $2,467 66

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

There is in the care of the Treasurer the following notes, bonds, stocks and estate:

Due from C. W. Storrs, Treasurer, for Wm. W. Storrs' notes	$1,709 63
The William Olvard farm	1,029 10
4 notes against H. S. Towner	460 17
10 " " F. A. Murry	1,238 59
3 " " F. Butterfly	383 00
1 " " Ebenezer Davis	267 02
Secured amply on real estate.	
22 shares Preferred Stock in Conn. and Pas. Rivers R. R.	2,266 00
2 State of Maine Bonds	1,500 00
2 Pas. R. Railroad Bonds	1,500 00
1 U. S. Bond	500 00
1 " "	100 00
1 " "	100 00
Claim against the estate of I. Bowdish	159 00
Coupons now due	219 00
	$9,821 88

Montpelier, June 17, 1871. C. W. STORRS, *Treasurer.*

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Sept.		ST. ALBANS—Sewing Society	7 50
Oct.		BRATTLEBORO—A. Van Dorn	3 00
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"		MIDDLEBURY—J. W. B.	1 00
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Nov.		BRIDPORT—Legacy of Mrs. T. Allis	94 00
Dec.		WINDSOR EAST—A friend	5 00
"		SPRINGFIELD—A friend	10 00
Jan.,	1871.	BENSON—J. Kent	2 00
"		GEORGIA—Ladies' Sewing Society	5 00
"		ST. ALBANS—Ladies of church	5 00
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"		WILLISTON—Lucy A. Clark	3 00
Feb.		CHELSEA—Dea. S. Douglass	10 00
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"		SWANTON—Ladies of church	4 00
"		WEST ADDISON—K. S. M.	2 00
"		WEST WESTMINSTER—Dea. D. Goddard	5 00
March.		BURLINGTON—Third church, Ladies' Benev. Society	3 00
"		FERRISBURGH—Ladies	4 00
"		SPRINGFIELD—Legacy of a member of the church	188 00
"		WELLS RIVER—Church and society	20 75
April.		BRATTLEBORO—Mrs. B. H. V. D.	20 00
"		PEACHAM—D. S. Chamberlain	30 00
"		SOUTH HERO—Legacy of Myron T. Landon	100 00
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Prof. N. G. Clark, *Boston, Mass.*
Mrs. E. S. Clark, " "
Mrs. H. Cochran, " "
Mrs. Grace Coe, *Connecticut.*
Charles G. Coe, "
Mrs. George Coffin.
Mrs. H. B. Cook, *Bloomfield, N. J.*
John Cowles, *Maquoquata, Iowa.*

Mrs. Lucy Dame, *Orfordville, N. H.*
Henry A. Dame, " "
Miss Martha Dame, " "
Miss Lucy E. Dame, " "
Mrs. Harriet Dame, " "
Mrs. Mary L. Davis, *Charlestown, Mass.*
Thomas Douglass, *New York.*
Mrs. Laura C. Douglass, "
Rev. C. Duren.
Moses L. Earl, *Illinois.*
Mrs. W. Eaton.
Rev. John Eastman.
Mrs. A. Evans, *Boston, Mass.*
Reuben Farnsworth, *Illinois.*
George H. Fish, *Saratoga, N. Y.*
Mrs. C. W. Fish, " "
Rev. J. T. Ford, *Charleston, S. C.*
Rev. A. B. Foster, *Bernardston, Mass.*
Rev. William C. Fowler, *Durham, Conn.*
Rev. E. W. Goodman, *Caldwell, N. Y.*
Mrs. Mary Goodman, " "
Henry B. Goodrich.
Rev. John Griswold,
Rev. H. M. Grout, *West Springfield, Mass.*
Mrs. R. C. Hand.
Rev. Stephen Harris, *Connecticut.*
Dea. Horace Hatch, *Tarrytown, N. Y.*
Rev. Henry A. Hazen, *Pittsfield, N. H.*
Mrs. E. C. Hazen, " "
Rev. S. L. Herrick, *Grinnell, Iowa.*
Rev. E. E. Higbee.
Rev. Milo J. Hickok, *Scranton, Pa.*
Rev. E. W. Hooker, D. D., *Newburyport, Ms.*
Rev. W. E. Howes.
Mrs. J. W. Howes, *Montreal, C. E.*
Mrs. Jemima Hoyt, *Springfield, Mass.*
Rev. J. W. Hough, *Saginaw, Mich.*
Mrs. Sarah H. Hough, " "
Rev. Azariah Hyde.
Mrs A. Hyde.
Rev. J. T. Hyde, *Chicago, Ill.*
Mrs. J. T. Hyde, " "
B. F. Hubbard, *Stanstead, C. E.*
J. Hubbard, *Sandwich, N. H.*
Rev. Nathan Hurd.
Rev. David A. Jones.
†Rev. T. H. Johnson.
Rev. William R. Joslyn, *Oregon.*
Rev. R. S. Kendall, *Lenox, Mass.*
Mrs. Lucretia H. Kendall.
Rev. B. Labaree, *Andover, Mass.*
Mrs. S. F. Labaree, " "
Mrs. Julia Lamb, *Springvale, Wis.*
Rev. Cephas A. Leach, *Payson, Ill.*
Miss Frances Leach.
Shepherd Leach, *Rockford, Ill.*
Mrs. Phebe Leach, " "
Mrs. Isabella Lounsberry, *Hartford, Conn.*
Mrs. A. Lovell.
Rev. Enoch Mead *Davenport, Iowa.*
Rev. Eldridge Mix, *Orange, N. J.*
Rev. J. Morse, *Stewartstown, N. H.*
Chester Marsh, *Watertown,*
Rev. Joseph Marsh.
Miss S. C. Moulton.

¶Rev. M. A. Munson, *Massachusetts.*
Mrs. Rev. P. J. H. Myers.
†Dea. Moses Noyes.
†Miss Sally Noyes.
Rev. C. C. Parker, *Gorham, Me.*
Rev. S. Parkinson, *Massachusetts.*
Rev. S. Parmelee, D. D., *New York.*
Charles Partridge.
Mrs. Charlotte Perkins, *Oroomiah, Persia.*
R. L. Perkins, Esq., *Boston, Mass.*
Mrs. Mary C. Perkins, " "
Mrs. Julia A. Perry, *New Hampshire.*
S. N. Perry, *Walpole, N. H.*
Rev. E. W. Plumb, D. D., *Potsdam, N. Y.*
William Putnam, Esq., *Massachusetts.*
Rev. J. DeF. Richards, *Alabama.*
†Mrs. H. B. J. Richards, "
Charles C. Rolfe.
Mrs. A. Rood, *Niles, Mich.*
George W. Root, *Connecticut.*
Burton G. Sandborn.
Rev. George E. Sanborne.
Mrs. Anne E. Sanborne.
Rev. J. D. Sands, *Keosaque, Iowa.*
Rev. H. H. Saunderson, *Charlestown, N. H.*
Mrs. Eliza C. Saunderson, " "
Rev. Charles Scott, *Rhode Island*
Rev. N. Seaver, D. D , *Brooklyn, N. Y.*
Mrs. Maria C. Scales, *Plainfield, N. H.*
Rev. John Scott.
Rev. Calvin Selden, *Jersey City, N. J.*
Rev. Thomas Shepard.
Dea. Charles Smith.
Miss Mary S. Southmayd, *C. W.*
Mrs. Eliza Starr, "
Marshall B. Stebbins, *Charlestown, Mass.*
Henry A. Stebbins, " "
Mrs. Eliza Stebbins, " "
Mrs. Prof. Stoddard.
Mrs. S. M. Stone, *New Hampshire.*
Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., *Braintree, Mass.*
Mrs. C. S. Swift, *Massachusetts.*
Rev. Chauncey Taylor, *Algoma, Wis.*
Rev. Eli W. Taylor.
†Rev. Lathrop Taylor, *Farmington, Ill.*
Rev. Preston Taylor.
Rev. L. L. Tilden, *Troy, N. Y.*
Rev. John Thompson.
Rev. C. B. Tracy, *New Hampshire.*
Rev. George P. Tyler, D. D., *Maine.*
Mrs. Sophronia Turner, *Franklin, Ohio.*
Prof. A. C. Twining.
Mrs. Prof. Twining.
Mrs. Pliny H. White, *Amherst, Mass.*
Miss Margaret E. White, "
William H. White, "
Rev. F. L. Whiting.
Mrs. Mary Whiting,
Mrs. J. E. Wright, *Boston, Mass,*
Rev. Solomon Williams.
Rev. I. R. Worcester, *Auburndale, Mass.*
Mrs. M. S. Worcester, "
Enoch Ward, *Plymouth, N. H.*
Mrs. Harriet S. Ward, "

† Life Members of the American Home Missionary Society.
¶ Life Directors of the American Home Missionary Society.
The names of all Life Members who are known to have died have been omitted.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—This society shall be known by the name of the *Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.*

ART. II.—This society shall consist of life-members who have paid twenty dollars at one time, of delegates from auxiliary societies, and of members of the General Convention; and all persons who have contributed to the funds of the society within a year, may be received as members by a vote or general acquiescence.

ART. III.—The object of this society shall be to supply the destitute towns of this State with a preached gospel by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

ART. IV.—The officers of this society shall be elected at the annual meeting, and shall consist of a President, Vice President, twelve Directors, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. In addition to the twelve Directors, the President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Board, *ex officio.*

ART. 5.—The President, and in case of his absence the senior Vice President, shall preside at all the meetings of the society. The Directors shall appoint and direct missionaries, shall have the control of the funds to promote the objects of the society, and shall make a report at each annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall superintend the correspondence of the society, and record the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the society. The Treasurer shall keep the moneys of the society, give bonds for the faithful execution of the duties of his office, and make a report at each annual meeting. The Directors may appoint missionaries, and transact any other necessary business, by a select committee chosen from their own members. No person shall be employed as missionary who is not furnished with satisfactory testimonials of good Christian character and theological attainments.

ART. VI.—There shall be an annual meeting of the society, and addresses delivered, at such time and place as the society, by their regulations, shall establish.

The object of this society cannot be changed, but this constitution may be amended (on a proposal of the Directors) at any annual meeting, by two thirds of the members present.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of——— dollars in trust, to pay over the same, in———after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said society.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MISSIONARIES.

The Directors of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY, having been embarrassed and retarded in their business, in consequence of the negligence of some of the missionaries to make their reports until a few days before the annual meeting, think it expedient to pass the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is required of all missionaries, appointed by this Board, to make quarterly returns, and that *in all cases*, they return their annual reports to the Secretary by the first day of June. All who violate this rule are to expect the quarterly payment will be suspended three months.

BRANDON, June 24th, 1858.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the standard rate per cent. upon their grand lists, which churches shall be required to pay towards supporting their own ministers, in order to be entitled to receive aid from the society, be one hundred and twenty-five, instead of one hundred per cent., as heretofore; leaving the Executive Committee, however, with discretionary power to vary from this where peculiar circumstances shall seem to them to demand it.

2. In view of the insufficiency of the salaries of many of the ministers of the aided churches:

Resolved, That the Board will co-operate with those aided churches in increasing their ministers' salary, who will increase their own subscription for his support to one hundred and fifty per cent.

The Board were led to these resolutions by such considerations as the following, viz:

1. Owing to the increased price of labor and produce, while the grand list remains the same, churches can pay one hundred and fifty per cent. now, more easily than they could one hundred per cent. in former years.

2. Many of the churches which are not aided, pay as high or higher than the rate named in the above resolutions, for the support of their own ministers; and, in addition to that, contribute to the funds of this society; and it would seem unreasonable and unjust to take their contributions and appropriate them to aid churches which do not pay as high, or nearly as high, towards supporting the gospel among themselves.

3. It is found that those churches which voluntarily and cheerfully pay the most liberally, according to their means, for the support of the gospel, are the most prosperous, both as respects their spiritual and external affairs. And it is believed that the rate per cent. named in the resolution is no higher than Christians ought to tax themselves for the support of religion,—that to do much less would be to withhold more than is meet, which tendeth to both spiritual and temporal poverty.

4. The impossibility of extending operations to the numerous churches and communities which are still destitute in our State, without greater liberality and self-denial on the part of both the aided and unaided churches, is another strong reason, and one which is is believed will commend itself to every candid mind.

It is hoped that no feeble church will be disheartened by this action of the Board; but rather that it will be stirred up to greater effort, and after doing the best it can, let its case be known to the Executive Committee.

MONTPELIER, June 23, 1854.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Every application, to the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY for aid, should be made by a committee authorized to act in behalf of the church or society, or both. The application must contain answers to the following questions:

1. Name of the minister to be employed?
2. Number of members of the church?
3. Amount of the grand list of the church?
4. Amount paid by the church for preaching?
5. Amount paid by those not belonging to the church?
6. Least amount of aid that will suffice from this society?
7. What number usually attend public worship?
8. What proportion of the church take decided ground in favor of the Temperance cause?
9. How long before preaching can be sustained without charitable aid?
10. Is the church or society in debt for past ministerial labors? If so, to what amount, and to whom?
11. From what date is aid asked?
12. Is aid expected from any other source?

All applications for aid should be approved by the Association within whose bounds they arise (or by a committee of such body). Except in special cases, grants will not go back of the date of the application. It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, should so arrange their contracts with their minister that the year may commence on the first of June, so that all applications for the RENEWAL OF A GRANT may be made at that time, as the Board can then act upon them at their annual meeting.

Appropriations are made for a period, not exceeding twelve months, from the date of application. If further aid is needed, a new application must be made, containing all of the above mentioned particulars, and be properly endorsed and recommended.

☞ It is hoped that every feeble church will preserve a copy of these directions, and invariably comply with them in every application for aid. Address,

REV. C. S. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary*,
MONTPELIER, VT.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Vermont Education Society held its Fifty-First Annual Meeting at Springfield, June 21, 1871.

The senior Director, Rev. ALFRED STEVENS, presided.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. S. NICKERSON.

Rev. Messrs. MAGILL, WILD and FISK were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented.

The Report of the Directors was then read by the Secretary, and accepted by the Society, after interesting addresses by Rev. Messrs. N. MIGHILL, W. S. PALMER, W. T. HERRICK, and Rev. C. C. PARKER, D. D., of Gorham, Me.

It was voted to amend the Constitution in Article 7th, so that it shall read: "There shall be an annual meeting of the Society at the time and place of the meeting of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont."

The Nominating Committee presented the names of the following persons as officers for the next year, and they were elected:

President—Rev. H. D. KITCHEL, D. D.

Vice Presidents—Rev. W. H. LORD, D. D., Prof. M. H. BUCKHAM.

Secretary—Rev. A. B. DASCOMB.

Treasurer—C. F. THOMPSON.

Directors—Windham Association, Rev. A. STEVENS; Lamoille Association, Rev. J. G. BAILEY; Northwestern Association, Rev. H. C. RIGGS; Addison Association, Rev. M. L. SEVERANCE; White River Association, Rev. WILLIAM SEWALL; Orleans Association, Rev. A. W. WILD; Rutland Association, Rev. L. FRANCIS; Windsor Association, Rev. L. H. COBB; Royalton Association, Rev. E. E. HERRICK; Orange Association, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS; Caledonia Association, Rev. J. TORREY; Winooski Association, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD; Bennington Association, Rev. R. S. CUSHMAN; Montpelier Association, Rev. J. COPELAND.

The exercises of the evening were interspersed with singing led by the choir of the Congregational church.

On motion, adjourned.

A. B. DASCOMB, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY,

In account with C. M. WILLARD, *Treasurer.*

1870.		DEBIT.	
Aug.	2.	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres.	$175 00
		Paid M. H. Buckham.	25 00
Oct.	31.	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres.	200 00
		Printing Minutes	11 22
1871.			
Feb.	20.	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres.	250 00
April	27.	Paid H. D. Kitchel, Pres.	250 00
		Balance on hand	168 77
			$1,079 99

1870.		CREDIT.	
May	20.	By balance on hand	$279 95
	27.	Church and society, West Randolph.	8 27
June	2.	" " Bradford	14 00
		" " Westford	16 30
	22.	Rev. A. Stevens	10 00
July	14.	Church and society, Woodstock	70 37
Aug.	29.	" " Windsor	12 67
	30.	" " Hardwick	18 75
Sept.	27.	" " Norwich	14 00
Oct.	1.	" " Chester	16 00
	14.	" " West Hartford	7 00
Nov.	4.	" " Greensboro	22 00
		" " Newport	25 00
		" " Georgia & Lowell	27 00
	16.	" " 1st Burlington	30 60
		" " Bradford	19 73
		" " Windsor	3 00
	30.	" " Enosburgh	11 00
Dec.	12.	" " Barre Center	22 77
	29.	" " Williston	13 00
1871.			
Jan.	19.	" " Brattleboro	114 00
		" " Windham	20 25
		" " Fayetteville	9 12
Feb.	4.	" " Manchester	9 00
Mar.	11.	" " Orwell	13 00
	18.	" " Pittsford	25 75
	26.	" " Westford	17 70
April	11.	" " Swanton	17 00

April 27.	Draft on Amer. Education Society..		$43 99	
May 3.	Church and society, St. Albans.....		140 57	
	"	"	Bakersfield.....	4 00	
9.	"	"	Sheldon.....	9 35	
11.	"	"	Coventry.....	14 85	
				$1,079 99

The following churches sent contributions to the treasury of the Parent Society :

Church and society, St. Albans.....	$78 75
" " Springfield.....	57 58
" " Saxton's River.....	4 50
St. Johnsbury (a friend).....	2 00
Church and society, Springfield.....	100 00
" " Clarendon.....	10 00
Benson (a friend).....	1 00
Church and society, Middlebury.....	34 25
North church and society, St. Johnsbury.....	35 42
	$323 50

RECEIPTS OF THE VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY EACH YEAR SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.
1820.....	$1,367 95	1846.....	$117 73
1821.....	673 06	1847.....	135 70
1822.....	996 50	1848.....	654 39
1823.....	825 59	1849.....	12 15
1824.....	573 29	1850.....	153 45
1825.....	472 06	1851.....	238 46
1826.....	462 13	1852.....	433 11
1827.....	250 13	1853.....	504 93
1828.....	1,629 01	1854.....	196 81
1829.....	1,354 54	1855.....	490 77
1830.....	1,731 16	1856.....	738 68
1831.....	518 79	1857.....	814 16
1832.....	1,482 37	1858.....	574 09
1833.....	1,662 82	1859.....	309 33
1834.....	818 30	1860.....	383 30
1835.....	822 72	1861.....	168 71
1836.....	1,884 44	1862.....	211 55
1837.....	1,631 85	1863.....	460 90
1838.....	1,675 24	1864.....	833 86
1839.....	1,332 59	1865.....	457 35
1840.....	738 43	1866.....	394 82
1841.....	942 42	1867.....	830 22
1842.....	245 11	1868.....	457 16
1843.....	710 81	1869.....	844 83
1844.....	748 27	1870.....	1,036 00
1845.....	279 08	1871.....	1,079 99
		Total....	$38,331 71

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, AND THE NUMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN WHICH EACH NAME APPEARS IN THE STATISTICS.

P., Pastor; A. P., Acting Pastor; W. C., Without Charge.

Abbott, Geo. N.	L.	South Newbury	15
Albee, Solon	Prof. M. C.	Middlebury	1
Amsden, S. H.	A. P.	West Dover	13
Anderson, James	W. C.	Cleveland, Ohio	2
Austin, Lewis A,	Teacher.	Manchester	2
Babbitt, James H.	P.	Waitsfield	6
Babcock, Daniel H.	A. P.	West Townshend	13
Bacon, William N.	P.	Shoreham	1
Bailey, John G.	P.	Hydepark	4
Baldwin, Joseph B.	A. P.	Weathersfield Center	14
Baldwin, Thomas	A. P.	Plymouth	14
Bartlett, Lyman	Missionary,	Turkey	4
Barton, Alanson S.	W. C.	Middlebury	1
Bates, S. Lysander	P.	Underhill	15
Bates, Philander	A. P.	Ludlow	14
Birge, Eben C.	W. C.	Underhill	15
Bittinger, John Q.	A. P.	Hartland	12
Bogue, Horace P. V.	P.	Vergennes	1
Bourne, James R.	P.	West Rutland	11
Bowen, William C.	A. P.	Wardsboro	13
Bradford, Moses B.	W. C.	McIndoes Falls	3
Bradford, Dana B.	A. P.	St. Albans Bay	7
Brainerd, Ezra	Prof. M. C.	Middlebury	1
Brastow, Lewis O.	P.	St. Johnsbury	3
Brown, Josiah W.	W. C.	Westboro, Mass	2
Buckham, James	W. C.	Burlington	15
Buckham, Matthew H.	Pres. U. Vt.	Burlington	15
Bushee, William A.	P.	Brookfield	10
Butler, Franklin	Editor	Windsor	12

Byington, George P.	A. P.	Westford	15
Cady, Calvin B.	A. P.	Alburgh	7
Caldwell, James	A. P.	Royalton	10
Carpenter, E. Irvin	Secy. Vt. Bible Soc.	White River Junction	6
Chandler, Joseph	P.	Brattleboro West	13
Chandler, Augustus	A. P.	Dummerstown	13
Chapman, Calvin	A. P.	Windham	13
Chase, Levi G.	P.	Dummerston	13
Child, Willard, D. D.		Crown Point, N. Y.	11
Childs, Alexander C.	P.	Charleston	9
Clark, Asa F.	A. P.	Peru	13
Clark, Charles W.	A. P.	Gaysville	10
Clark, Josiah B.	A. P.	Pittsfield	10
Clark, Jacob S.	P.	Morgan	9
Clark, Sereno D.	A. P.	Post Mills	8
Clark, William	Missionary	Milan	13
Clement, Jonathan, D. D.	A. P.	Norwich	12
Cobb, Levi H.	P.	Springfield	14
Cobleigh, Nelson F.	L.	Marshfield	6
Comings, Elam J.	A. P.	Highgate	7
Connell, David	A. P.	North Troy	9
Converse, John K.	W. C.	Burlington	15
Cook, Silas P.	P.	Windsor	14
Copeland, Jonathan	A. P.	Waterbury	6
Crawford, Sidney	P.	Fair Haven	14
Cushman, Rufus S.	P.	Manchester	2
Dascomb, Alfred B.	P.	Woodstock	12
Demeritt, John P.	A. P.	Pawlet	14
Deming, Alonzo T.	A. P.	Newbury	8
Dickinson, Ferdinand W.	A. P.	Coventry	9
Dike, Samuel W.	P.	West Randolph	10
Dougherty, James, D. D.	W. C.	Johnson	4
Drake, Cyrus B., D. D.	P.	Royalton	10
Drew, Stephen F.	A. P.	South Royalton	10
Dudley, S. M.	L.	Peacham	3
Eaton, Joshua	A. P.	Granby	5
Elliott, Lester H.	P.	Winooski	15
Fairbanks, Edward T.	P.	St. Johnsbury Center	3
Fairbanks, Henry	W. C.	St. Johnsbury	3
Field, Artemus C.	A. P.	Wilmington	13

Ferrin, Clark E.	P.	Hinesburgh	15
Fisk, Perrin B.	A. P.	Lyndonville	3
Fleming, Archibald	W. C.	Constable, N. Y.	15
Foster, Amos	A. P.	Putney	13
Fuller, Joseph	W. C.	Vershire	9
Francis, Lewis	P.	Castleton	11
French, Lyndon S.	W. C.	Franklin	7
Fuller, H. F.	Teacher	St. Johnsbury	3
Garland, Joseph	A. P.	Rupert	9
Gay, Joshua S.	W. C.	Brookfield	11
Glines, Jeremiah	W. C.	Lunenburgh	5
Giddings, Solomon P.	W. C.	Washington, D. C.	14
Goodhue, Daniel	A. P.	Londonderry	13
Goodrich, John E.,	Teacher	Meriden, N. H.	15
Granger, Calvin	A. P.	Hubbardton	11
Griffin, Edward H.	P.	Burlington	15
Grout, Lewis	Agt. of A. M. A.	West Brattleboro	13
Hale, John G.	A. P.	Chester	14
Hall, Robert V.	W. C.	Newport	9
Hall, Samuel R., LL. D.	W. C.	Brownington	9
Hall, Russell T.	P.	Pittsford	11
Hamlin, Cyrus	P.	Bellows Falls	13
Hardy, Vitellus W.	L.	Morrisville	4
Harris, Leonard W.	A. P.	Lunenburgh	5
Hatch, Elias W.	P.	Berkshire East	7
Hazen, Austin	A. P.	Jericho Center	15
Hazen, William S.	P.	Northfield	6
Herrick, Edward E.	P.	Chelsea	13
Herrick, Horace	A. P.	Wolcott	4
Herrick, William T.	P.	Clarendon	11
Hickok, Henry P.	W. C.	Burlington	15
Higley, Harvey O.	W. C.	Castleton	11
Holman, Sidney	A. P.	East Weathersfield	14
Holmes, Henry M.	P.	Benson	11
Hooker, Edward P.	P.	Middlebury	1
Hosford, Isaac	W. C.	North Thetford	8
Houghton, James C.	W. C.	Burlington	15
Houghton, John C.	A. P.	Island Pond	4
Howard, Jabez T.	P.	Charleston West	9
Hubbard, Chauncey H.	A. P.	Bennington	2

Hubbard, Thomas S.	A. P.	Rochester		10
Humphrey, John P.	P.	St. Johnsbury East		3
Hungerford, Edward	L.	Burlington		15
Jennings, Isaac	P.	Bennington Center		2
Johnson, James G.	P.	Rutland		11
Kent, Cephas H.	P.	Ripton		1
Kitchel, Harvey D., D.D.	Pres. M. C.	Middlebury		1
Ladd, Alden	P.	Roxbury		6
Ladd, Daniel	W. C.	Middlebury		1
Leavitt, Harvey F.	A. P.	Middlebury		1
Lewis, Everett E.	L.	Bethel		10
Litch, Josiah L.	A. P.	Richmond		15
Lord, William H., D. D.	P.	Montpelier		6
Lyon, Amzi B.	A. P.	Ferrisburgh		1
McKeen, Silas, D. D.	A. P.	Bradford		8
McCollom, Julius C.	P.	Cambridgeport		13
Magill, Seagrove W.	P.	Cornwall		1
Marsh, Joseph	W. C.	Thetford		8
Marsh, Samuel	W. C.	Underhill		15
Marsh, Spencer	W. C.	Burlington		15
Martin, Solon	A. P.	Fairlee West		8
Maynard, Joshua L.	P.	Williston		15
Maynard, Ulric	W. C.	Castleton		11
Mighill, Nathaniel	P.	Brattleboro		13
Miller, Robert D.	A. P.	West Newbury		8
Miner, Ovid	A. P.	Poultney		11
Montgomery, Giles F.	Missionary	Marash		4
Morgan, Stillman	W. C.	Bristol		1
Morris, Ozias S.	A. P.	Tunbridge		10
Munsill, Joseph R.	A. P.	Franklin		7
Myrick, Osborn	A. P.	Middletown		11
Nichols, Ammi	W. C.	Braintree		10
Norcross, S. Gerard	A. P.	McIndoes Falls		3
Olmsted, Franklin W.	A. P.	Townshend East		13
Otis, Israel T.	A. P.	Brownington		9
Paine, Sewell	P.	Montgomery Center		7
Palmer, William S.	P.	Wells River		8
Parmelee, Moses P.	Missionary	Turkey		15
Pease, Aaron G.	W. C.	Rutland		12
Perkins, Sidney K. B.	P.	Glover		9

Perkins, Benjamin F.....A. P.....Stowe 4
Phelps, Frederick B..... P. .....Lowell 9
Pratt, Horace.....A. P.....Plainfield..... 6
Pratt, Parsons S..... P. .....Dorset..... 2
Ranney, Timothy E.....A. P.....West Charleston 9
Ranslow, Eugene J.....A. P.....Swanton..... 7
Redfield, Charles.....A. P.....Arlington East..... 2
Riggs, Herman C..... P. .....St. Albans 7
Rogers, John.....A. P.....Derby 9
Rustedt, Henry F.....A. P.....Sudbury.....11
Safford, George B..... P. .....Burlington.....15
Samson, Amos J.....W. C.....St. Albans 7
Seabury, Edwin.....A. P.....Berlin 6
Searle, Richard T..... P. .....Thetford..... 8
Seaton, Charles M.....A. P.....Colchester 15
Severance, Milton L..... P. .....Orwell..... 1
Sewall, William..... P. .....Norwich.....12
Shattuck, Amos F.....A. P.....Worcester 6
Shurtleff, Daniel .....A. P.....Fayetteville.....13
Smith, Bezaleel .....A. P.....West Hartford 12
Smith, Azro A.....A. P.....Irasburgh..... 9
Smith, Charles S.....Secy. Vt. D. M. S...Montpelier 6
Smith, Eben.....W. C.....Middlebury 1
Somerville, W. C.....A. P.....Newport..... 9
Southgate, Robert.....A. P.....Hartford 12
Southgate, Charles M..... P. .....St. Johnsbury..... 3
Steele, Joseph.....W. C.....Middlebury 1
Steele, John .....W. C.....Middlebury 1
Stevens, Alfred..... P. .....Westminster 13
Stone, George.....W. C.....Troy..... 9
Stone, John F.....A. P.....Montpelier..... 6
Stone, James P.....A. P.....Danby..... 2
Stone, Levi H.....W. C.....Castleton 11
Swift, Alfred B.....A. P.....Enosburgh..... 7
Swift, Aurelius S.....W. C.....Pittsfield.....10
Tenney, Leonard .....A. P.....Barre 6
Tenney, Samuel G.....W. C.....Springfield.....14
Thayer, William W.....W. C.....St. Johnsbury..... 3
Thompson, Charles W..... P. .....Danville..... 3
Thyng, John H.....W. C.....Brattleboro West.....13

Tilden, Lucius L.	W. C.	Washington, D. C.	11
Tolman, George B.	W. C.	Winooski	7
Torrey, Charles C.	A. P.	Charlotte	15
Torrey, Henry A. P.	Prof. U. Vt.	Burlington	15
Torrey, Joseph	P.	Hardwick	3
Tuxbury, Franklin	P.	Brandon	11
Underwood, Joseph	A. P.	Burke East	3
Walker, Aldace, D. D.	P.	Wallingford	11
Ward, Earl J.	P.	Grafton	13
Watts, Lyman S.	A. P.	Barnet	3
Webber, Geo. N.,	Prof. M. C.	Middlebury	1
Wells, Moses H.	A. P.	Lower Waterford	3
Weston, Henry C.	P.	North Bennington	2
Wheeler, Orville G.	P.	South Hero	15
Wheelock, Edwin	P.	Cambridge	4
White, George H.	A. P.	Sharon	12
Wickham, Joseph D., D. D.	W. C.	Manchester	2
Wild, Azel W	P.	Greensboro	9
Wild, Daniel	P.	Fairfield	7
Wild, Edward P.	P.	Craftsbury	9
Wilder, J. C.	W. C.	Charlotte	15
Willard, Andrew J.	A. P.	Burlington	15
Williams, John K.	P.	Bradford	8
Williams, R. G.	W. C.	Castleton	11
Williams, Stephen	W. C.	Clarendon	11
Wilson, John G.	P.	Saxton's River	13
Winch, Caleb M.	A. P.	Corinth	6
Winchester, Warren W.	P.	Bridport	1
Woodward, John H.	A. P.	Milton	15
Worcester, John H., D. D.	W. C.	Burlington	15
Wright, Geo. F.	P.	Bakersfield	7

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The following are the names and numbers of the Associations:

1. Addison.
2. Bennington.
3. Caledonia.
4. Lamoille.
5. Lancaster.
6. Montpelier.
7. North Western.
8. Orange.
9. Orleans.
10. Royalton.
11. Rutland.
12. White River.
13. Windham.
14. Windsor.
15. Winooski.